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## ITALIANS ON NORTHERN FRONT MAY HAVE TO SURRENDER

### COMMUNICATIONS DISORGANISED

### RETREAT PRACTICALLY OUT OF QUESTION

### SOUTHERN ADVANCE TO BE ACCELERATED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Addis Ababa, To-day.

The recent heavy rainfall has rendered retreat almost impossible for the Italian forces on the northern front as well as preventing any movement of troops on a large scale, according to the Abyssinian view of the military situation, which, in the light of the latest reports from both fronts, is described as becoming more difficult for Italy every day.

The Italians have retired into well-prepared concrete defence works and blockhouses bristling with machine-guns, and the Abyssinians will make no more attacks on these positions in large formations in order to avoid unnecessary losses.

In military circles here the opinion is held that sooner or later the troops manning these fortifications will be obliged to surrender, since the bringing up of reinforcements and supplies as well as the possibility of retreat are practically out of the question. The Italian roads in this region are said to be now nothing more than a morass, in the mire of which all vehicles stick fast.

The latest information from the southern front indicates that the Italians are still feverishly preparing for the expected advance through the province of Bale, now that they have evacuated Ogaden.

In this connection it is pointed out in military circles here that the distance, as the crow flies, from the Italian base at Dolo to the Abyssinian capital is nearly 400 miles, the first 100 miles being through desert or fever-infested regions. After that comes a high range of mountains, in which about 160,000 troops are in readiness in well-entrenched positions.

ONLY FLIERS ACTIVE  
Foreign military experts, it is maintained, also doubt whether the Italian army will succeed in overcoming all these physical as well as military obstacles, especially since they are already (Continued on Page 9)

### ITALIANS BOMB SAKOTA

### DAILY ATTACKS REPORTED

### GAS BOMBS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN DROPPED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL  
Addis Ababa, To-day.  
The town of Sakota, about 60 miles south-west of Makale, is now being bombed daily by Italian planes, according to reports from the northern front, and is said already to have been totally destroyed by incendiary bombs. In addition, three large gas-bombs, it is stated, have been dropped, causing havoc among the civil population, 10 persons having been blinded and many others suffering from serious burns.

The Church of the Holy Virgin was struck by bombs just after many people, terrified by the bombardment, gathered there to pray. Ten of them, states the reports, were blown to pieces, while eight others were severely wounded. — Trans-Ocean Service.

COURTESY CALLS RETURNED

Nanking, To-day. — General Chang Chun to-day returned Sir Alexander Cadogan's courtesy visit. He is receiving Dr. Trautmann, the German Ambassador, to-morrow afternoon. — Reuter Service.

### "NO AGGRESSION BY ITALY"

Superfluous Reports  
Of Attack On Fleet

FULL LIBERTY OF ACTION  
AT GENEVA

Rome, To-day.  
The report that Signor Cerruti, Italian Ambassador to France, has assured M. Laval that Italy will not leave Geneva if the sanctions are extended, is denied in official quarters. It is explained that Italy retains full liberty of action and has not announced any decision in advance.

The reports that Signor Cerruti also told M. Laval that Italy will not attack the British fleet are described as superfluous. It is added that Italy does not anyway contemplate an act of aggression.

SWEDISH PROTEST  
Stockholm: The Foreign Office has announced that the Swedish Minister in Rome has presented a note to the Italian Government categorically protesting against the direct act of aggression to which the Swedish Red Cross unit was subjected by Italian aeroplanes. The note rejects the Italian explanation of the bombing and expects that an investigation regarding the responsibility will be immediately opened, and the act of aggression (Continued on Page 9)

### LANDSLIDE IN SPAIN

Tragic Sequel To  
Recent Rains

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL  
Madrid, To-day.

A tragic sequel to the terrific storms which swept the north-west coast of Spain last week has occurred near La Corona, where six persons were buried by a landslide caused by the cliffs being undermined by heavy seas. Only one of the victims was rescued alive, although the others were found. The other five were dead when found. — Trans-Ocean Service.

### HAUPTMANN'S LAST BID FAILS

### "HABEAS CORPUS" PLEA DENIED

### "THAT'S THE END," DECLARES DEFENCE LAWYER

Trenton, N.J., To-day.

In a last desperate attempt to save Hauptmann from the electric chair his lawyers have drafted a petition for a writ of "habeas corpus," to be submitted to the Federal District Court. The petition alleges that Hauptmann's constitutional rights were violated at the trial.

Mr. Wilentz, the Attorney-General of New Jersey, declares that he is reliably informed that the Governor will reprieve Hauptmann.

Later: Hauptmann's application for a writ of habeas corpus has been refused and the stay of execution denied by Judge Warren Davis of the Federal Circuit Court.

The petition included submissions that Hauptmann was denied his constitutional rights; that the jury was inadequately sequestered and subjected to hostile opinion; that while Hauptmann was giving evidence motion-picture cameras were operated and the public vented derisive outbursts; and that these influences and the presence in the courtroom of prominent people from all over the country distracted the jury and told against Hauptmann.

Lawyer Burkinshaw, who read the petition in a crowded courtroom, attacked the speech to the jury of Mr. Wilentz as containing intemperate assertions and insinuations. Mr. Wilentz, in his reply, described the petition as a "subterfuge and fraud."

"THAT'S THE END"  
The judge said that if he granted the application he would be practically overruling the New Jersey Court of Errors and the United States Supreme Court. He added: "Every known remedy in the law has been used to save the prisoner from electrocution."

After the decision one of the defence lawyers remarked: "That's the end." — Reuter.

### DEVELOPMENTS IN PACIFIC

Aftermath Of Japan's  
Withdrawal

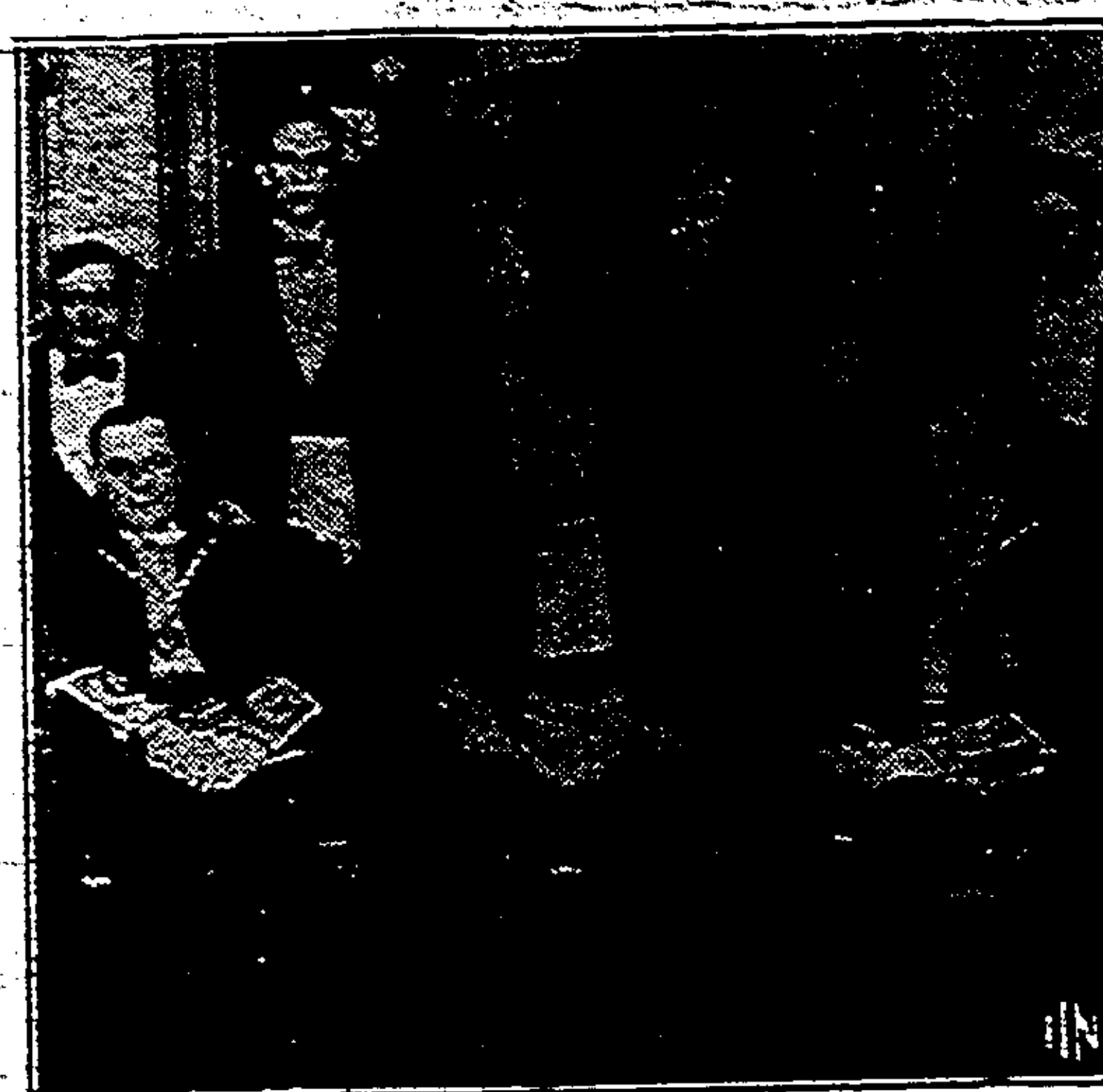
HONG KONG'S DEFENCES TO  
BE STRENGTHENED?

London, To-day.

The Japanese withdrawal from the Naval Conference may be followed by developments in the Pacific, according to the naval correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, who writes that should America decide to carry out her plan of creating new naval bases Britain might be compelled to reconsider her position there. He cites as an example the Hong Kong defences, which have not been touched for 16 years and are now out of date.

The correspondent further asserts that Japan's action will not start a building race, for Britain and the United States have already come to an understanding concerning their relative strengths, which rules out the possibility of competitive building between them. Japan's defiant gesture has rendered inevitable the completion of the immense American building programme, which by 1942 will give the United States the world's greatest navy. — Reuter.

SOUTHPORT BEAT DARLINGTON  
London, To-day. — Darlington received a rude shock yesterday when they lost at Southport by 4 goals to 1 in the Third Division (North) of the Football League. — Reuter.



This picture, just released for publication by courtesy of the Masonic Outlook, was made on the occasion of the initiation of two of President Roosevelt's sons as members of Archibald Lodge, F. & A. M., in New York. In the front are Jacob C. Kluck (left), President Roosevelt and Robert E. Owens, Grand Master Standing (O. to R.): Meyer LaGuardia, Morris E. Brown, Jr., James Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Judge Peter Schuck and Judge Frederic Kernochan.

### BRITISH PREPARATIONS IN EGYPT

### EVACUATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARRANGED FOR

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day.

Foreign press reports speaking of the apprehension of the political situation in Egypt are causing some astonishment here in view of the general uneasiness engendered by Britain's continual military preparations. The British High Commissioner is stated to have declared recently in a private conversation that England does not, of course, desire war, but that in view of the incalculability of Italian policy, she would be prepared for the worst.

Numerous signs point indeed to the serious view of the situation taken in British circles. All women members of the British colony have been requested, for instance, voluntarily to attend first aid courses, and preparations moreover are being made in Britain. (Continued on Page 12)

### WORKERS AND WAGES

Shipbuilders Demand  
Increases

OWNERS ASK FOR TIME

London, To-day.

More of the large consumers of coal have agreed to an increase in the price of coal, but only on condition that all increases be given to the miners as wages. The situation between the miners and owners, however, is unchanged.

The shipbuilding workers are now demanding an increase of wages of 2d. an hour. The shipbuilders state that although the position at present is more favourable they are unable to say that this will be permanent, and have asked the workers to wait till Lloyd's returns for the year, which will be published on March 1, before discussing the question of an increase in wages. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

### AUSTRALIA TO COMPETE IN AMERICAN ZONE

Sydney, To-day. — The Australian Lawn Tennis Association has decided in future to challenge for the Davis Cup in the American Zone, instead of the European Zone, and eight of the Dominion's best players, including A. H. Crawford, V. MacGregor, A. K. Quist, and D. P. Turnbull, have been requested to hold themselves in readiness. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

### RUDYARD KIPLING STILL VERY ILL

Grave Anxiety Felt

London, To-day.

The improvement in Mr. Rudyard Kipling's condition was being maintained at 5.20 p.m. yesterday. An enquiry into the patient's condition was made on the behalf of Their Majesties early in the morning.

The latest bulletin, issued at 8 p.m., states that his condition still gives rise to grave anxiety. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

### CHINESE ARMY TO BE MECHANISED

Infantry Battalions  
Reduced

"APPROACHING WORLD WAR"

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.  
A reduction of the infantry battalions will begin to-day as a means to obtain more funds to mechanise the army. Each infantry battalion will be reduced by one company.

While the number of companies to be demobilised is not announced, it is estimated that about fifty of them will be affected. The military authorities take the view that in modern warfare infantry units may be reduced, while artillery, machine-gun and anti-aircraft detachments should be increased.

The amount saved from the disbandment will be used to buy more guns, tanks, armoured cars, etc. Nevertheless, more funds are necessary to order these armaments from abroad. Official announcements were made from time to time that better military preparations are necessary "owing to the approach of another world war in which China may be involved."

### SOVIET RUSSIAN BUDGET

Military Expenditure  
Doubled

NO DEVALUATION PENDING

Moscow, To-day.

The Government's proposal almost to double military expenditure for 1936, compared with 1935, was introduced by M. Grigorovich, Finance Commissar, introducing the budget proposals at the session of the Central Executive Committee.

Out of a total budget of 37,500,000,000 roubles, 14,800,000,000 will be devoted to military expenditure. Augmented appropriations will be applied to increase the number of effectives, improve technical equipment, modernise the barracks, and the political education of the Red army.

M. Grinko explained that the Government's financial policy was directed towards strengthening and stabilising the rouble. He denied the rumours circulated abroad regarding proposed devaluation or the issue of new currency. — Reuter.

### UNREST IN RUSSIA

Another Political  
Murder

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Moscow, To-day.

One more symptom of the seething unrest behind the calm surface in Soviet Russia is afforded by the reports of another political murder, which, according to Izvestia, took place at Minsk where the chairman of the collective organisation, M. Kriwen, has been shot dead.

Five former Kulkas have been arrested on charges of being implicated in the murder. — Trans-Ocean Service.

### HARTLEPOOLS BEATEN

Grimsby Qualify To  
Meet Port Vale

London, To-day.

After failing to score at Hartlepool last Saturday, Grimsby Town won their Third Round Cup replay yesterday on their own ground by 4 goals to 1.

To enter the Third Round Hartlepool played three games against Halifax.

Grimsby will visit Port Vale on January 25 for right of entry into the Fifth Round. — Reuter.







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## HONG KONG HEIGHTS

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## ISLAND

	Feet
Victoria Peak	1,823
Signal Station	1,774
Mt. Parker	1,734
Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Eyrie	1,725
Peak Hotel	1,305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1,000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297

## MAINLAND

	Feet
Taimoshan	2,124
Kowloon Peak	1,971

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BOY V.C.'S SISTER  
POVERTY-STRICKEN  
PLIGHT REVEALED BY  
PORTRAIT

London. Mrs. James Johnson, sister of John Travers Cornwall, V.C., the "boy hero" of Jutland, has been found here living in poverty.

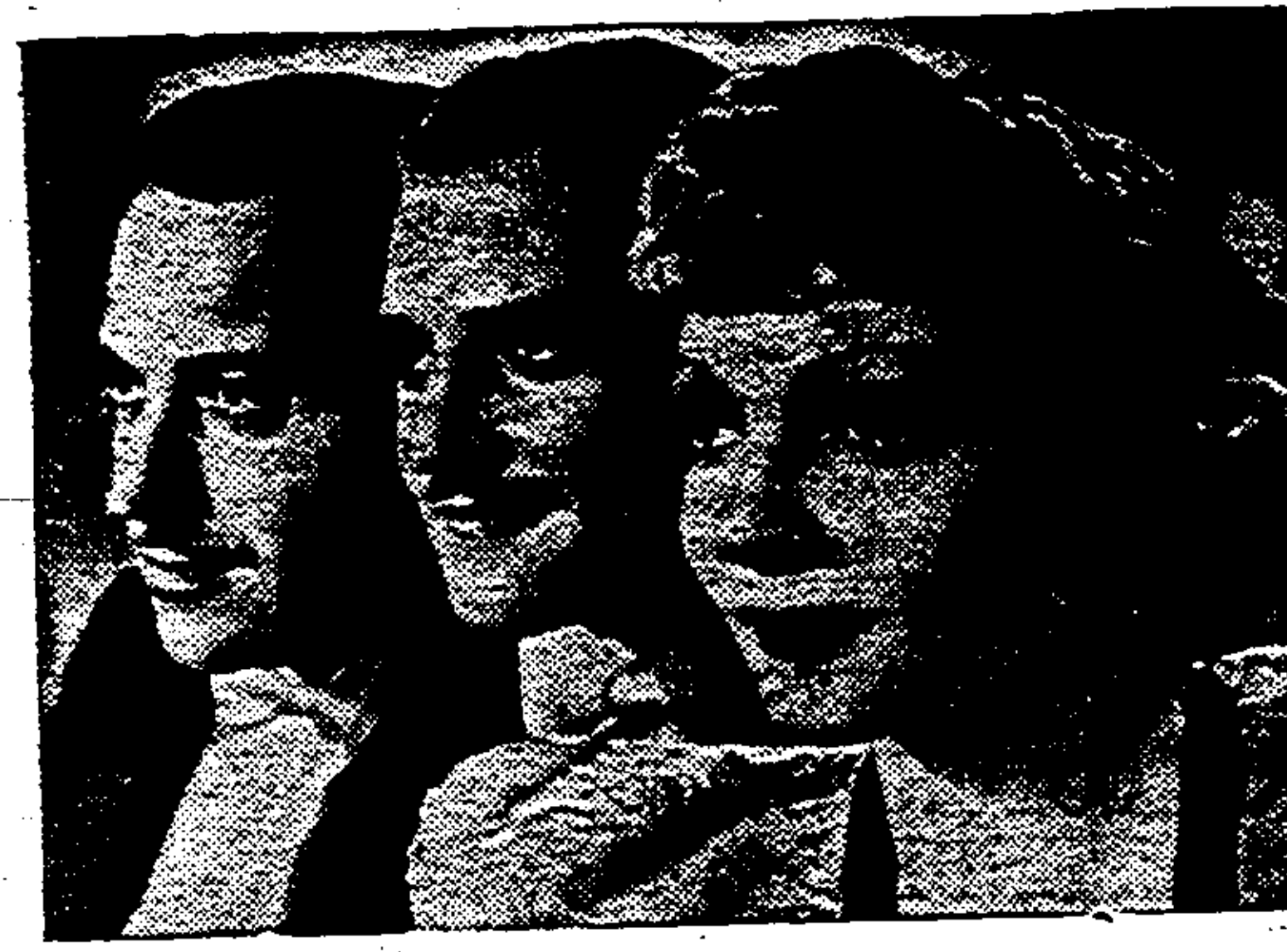
ROBBED A WOMAN  
SHOP DETECTIVEThief Falls Into  
Trap

Mrs. Maud Waddington, aged 55, of Margaret-street, Hull, was at Hull recently sentenced to two months' hard labour for stealing a purse from the pocket of a woman detective in a departmental store.

The detective said that she saw Waddington putting her hand into women's shopping baskets. To test her, she put her own purse into her pocket, and stood near Waddington, who took the purse.

She was evicted from her home in a riverside suburb of Windsor, and has been compelled to make her home in a cottage which has been unused for years, and which is described as unfit for human habitation. The plight of the family was revealed when Mrs. Johnson called at the office of the Daily Star with an oil painting of "Jacky" Cornwall which she wished to present to the local museum.

£41,000 Fund. "It is a beautiful picture and should be preserved," Mrs. Johnson said, "but it won't last long in shacks like this." Mrs. Johnson recently wrote to a London organisation asking for information of a fund totaling £41,000 collected in memory of her brother.



Melvyn Douglas, Michael Bartlett and Claudette Colbert are in "She Married Her Boss," a Columbia picture which will be screened at the King's and Alhambra Theatres to-morrow.

FAMOUS DETECTIVE  
RETIRES

## Watch On West End

CONNECTED WITH MANY  
WELL-KNOWN CASES

Det-Sergt. Charles Mann, who is reputed to know more about the life of the West End than any other detective, retired recently. He spent the whole of his 25 years' service at Vine-street, Piccadilly, station.

Because of his special knowledge the usual system of transfer on promotion was not followed in his case. Every undesirable character, every crook, dubious haunt, and other phases of West End life were known to him. Although he did not figure in the public eye as the man in charge, he was engaged in most of the famous cases which have occurred in the West End in the last quarter of a century.

In Mann's last case at the London Sessions the Chairman, Sir Herbert Wilberforce, said the force was losing a man who could ill be spared.

DECORATIONS FOR  
ROAD HEROESEncouraging Traffic  
Discipline

Count Helldorf, the Berlin Police Commissioner, who has carried on a vigorous campaign for traffic discipline, has evolved another bright idea.

This is to give decorations to drivers who for a certain length of time have never been caught transgressing the road regulations.

These paragons will be awarded gold, silver or copper badges for their cars to carry in a conspicuous place.

With Germans, whose love of decorations is well known, this method of encouraging traffic discipline may prove extremely effective.

TORCH NO ONE  
CAN PUT OUTTested Under A  
Shower-BathTO BE USED IN OLYMPIC  
MARATHON

German chemists have invented a torch which can not be put out. It has been held under a shower-bath, buried in a bucket of sand, and finally immersed in a bath-tub, and is, in fact, weatherproof.

It will be used next summer by athletes, who will carry a flame in relays from Olympia, Greece, to Berlin, where Herr Hitler will use it to ignite a symbolic fire, which will burn throughout the coming Olympic Games.

This Marathon relay run will cross seven European countries, and 3,600 of these torches will have been consumed before it is completed.

TWIN JOCKEYS  
WINAt Same Time—But  
260 Miles Apart

At exactly 4.5 p.m. one day recently, two jockeys who are twins started in two races 260 miles apart and both won.

At the identical moment that Maurice Hunter was winning the 4.0 race at Catterick Bridge on Brown Kate, twin brother Fred Hunter was winning the 4.0 race at Lingfield Park on Beagle.

## MOST PHOTOGRAPHED GIRL

Miss Geraldine Jarvis, aged 22 and single, has been photographed 4,500 times in the past five years. She is America's Number 1 Model, and her portrait is painted 25 times a year for advertisements. She advertises cigarettes, but has never smoked one. Now she is in England for a rest, and is considering film work.

## Amusements

## Cinema Notes

"UNKNOWN WOMAN"—KING'S  
THEATRE

This picture is an exciting action drama built around a \$1,000,000 bond robbery, and the efforts of Federal agents to solve the crime. Richard Cromwell and Marian Marsh supply the action as well as the romance.

Cromwell enacts the part of a lawyer for a fish-peddler's association, and as part of the plot the peddlers are seen dashing to rescue him from a boat where he is held prisoner. Supporting the two principals are George McKay, Douglas Dumbrille, Nan Bryant and Henry Armetta.

"THE WHITE COCKATOO"—  
QUEEN'S THEATRE

It is a curious fact that most of the specially selected Crime Club stories which have been produced on the screen have all been labelled with a series of curious and often misleading names. Those who remember "The Case of the Curious Bride" and the "Case of the Howling Dog" will also remember how pleasantly surprised they were that these unprepossessing titles hid two of the finest mystery stories that have ever been screened.

The latest Crime Club story, "The White Cockatoo," presents an analogous case. Ricardo Cortez, that extremely polished and versatile actor, assumes the role created on the screen by Warren William, while petite Jean Muir assists him in solving the intricate problems.

"3 KIDS AND A QUEEN"—  
ALHAMBRA THEATRE

The Alhambra is offering a very fine combined picture and vaudeville act to-day. May Robson appears in her grandest role in "3 Kids and a Queen," in which she is supported by a galaxy of juvenile stars including Frankie Darro and Billy Burrud. By her performance Miss Robson proves that she has succeeded in filling the vacancy on the screen caused by the sudden and untimely death of the beloved Marie Dressler.

Cowan and Bailey's grand show, which includes Ted and Evelyn and Estelle Davis, who have proved so popular at the Hong Kong Hotel and the Oriental Theatre, provide an excellent added attraction.

"RED HOT TYRES"—  
ORIENTAL THEATRE

This picture, with Lyle Talbot and Mary Astor, is fast in action, with one melodramatic thrill following another to the smashing climax in which the hero wins a spectacular race by a hair's breadth with his sweetheart riding with him as his mechanic.

In addition to the race track thrills there is a sensational court trial in which the hero is convicted of wrecking a car and killing a rival driver.

"THE CASE OF THE CURIOUS  
BRIDE"—STAR THEATRE

"The Case of the Curious Bride" is a baffling mystery melodrama, interspersed with rollicking humour. It is based on a Perry Mason story by Erle Stanley Gardner. The all-star cast includes Warren William as Perry Mason, the astute attorney detective, Margaret Lindsay, Donald Woods, Claire Dodd, Allen Jenkins, Phillip Reed and Barton MacLane.

"CALM YOURSELF"—  
MAJESTIC THEATRE

Robert Young, one of the best of America's younger school of actors, who, incidentally, is now making a series of pictures in England, is co-starred with Madge Evans in a delightful comedy-drama "Calm Yourself."

## MAD COW ON LINE

Escaping from a Reading abattoir, a mad cow, was chased along the railway line to Tilehurst Station, where it mounted the platform. Finally it jumped a fence into a field, where it was shot.

## BRIDGE NOTES

Lead-Directing  
Trouble

By Ely Culbertson

Most players are familiar with the bidding conventions in use among expert players. There are a number of conventions in the play of the cards which are equally important. In some cases these are so closely tied up with the bidding that it is difficult to say whether they are conventions of bidding or of play.

Among the most frequently used bidding signals is the double of a three notrump contract. This has a special meaning when your partner has bid a suit and you later double an opponent's bid of three notrump. If it is your partner's turn to make the opening lead, the double tells him he should open the suit he has bid. Here is how this convention works:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable  
S—9 8 7 5  
H—A 10 9 8 4  
D—7 4  
C—K 2  
A—Q J 10 6  
H—7 2  
D—A 8 5 2  
C—Q 6  
S—A K 4  
H—K 5 3  
D—K Q 6  
C—A J 9 3

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

South West North East  
1C (1) 1D (2) 1H (3) Pass  
2NT Pass 3NT Dbl. (4) Pass  
Pass Pass Pass Pass

1—On this type of hand one notrump is a better opening bid in order to show the 4-3-3 distribution and the unusual honour-trick content of the hand.

2—This overcall has little to recommend it even when not vulnerable.

3—This is a minimum hand on which a bid can be made over an intervening overbid. Without 1½ honour-tricks it is better to pass.

4—This double is a most unusual bid and seems strange when one looks at East's terrible bust. East had reasons for his double, however, which in this case proved to be well justified. He knew the club suit could not readily be run because he had so many. And since neither opponent had bid spades, he assumed the strength in that suit was probably well divided with a good share of it being in West's hand. Knowing declarer could set up neither clubs nor spades, it was obvious that the heart suit would have to be tackled and in this suit East had a stopper. If West happened to open spades, East's stopper in hearts would give him the lead too late to establish the diamonds, but if West opened diamonds there was a possibility that the suit could be established immediately and produce the winning tricks after East later got in.

Obediently, West opened the five of diamonds and East played the ten. South, who had also recognised the entire situation, sought to shut West out of the lead by playing low and letting East win the first trick. This would have been successful if West had had a six-card diamond suit, but since East had three of them, it failed.

After East won the first trick he returned the Jack of diamonds. South played the King and West refused communications open by refusing to win with his Ace. He played the deuce of diamonds, showing his five-card suit, and making it possible for East to retain a diamond which could be led after the suit had been established. There was little more of interest to the play of the hand. In establishing the heart suit, South was forced to lose a trick to the Queen. East then led his three of diamonds and West cashed the third, fourth and fifth tricks. Three notrump was down one.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS BLAZE

Considerable damage was done last month by a fire at a Bristol stationery works, the *Times* being fed by stocks for the Christmas trade.

## RADIO

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.s.)

A Talk on the World Bridge Olympic. Three Piano Jazz Recital. 12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30 p.m.—Recorded Music. 1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Renter Press, Bulletin, Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down. 4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme. 6.15 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7-7.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes played by Famous Orchestras. Invitation to the Waltz (Weber, Op. 65).

Roses of the South (J. Strauss) Rite Danube Waltz (J. Strauss) A Thousand and one Nights (J. Strauss).

7.30-7.45 p.m.—A Recital by Charles Kallman (Tene).

1. The World is mine to-night (Piaf).

2. By the Dark Lagoon (An Island Serenade) (Leigh).

3. Still as the Night (Bohn).

4. I Love thee (Grieg).

7.45-8 p.m.—Song Memories. Drinks all Round.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.05-8.30 p.m.—Ensemble Singing. Waiting at the Gate for Katy ("Bottoms Up").

8.30-8.45 p.m.—Lynton and Johnstone. Now that I've found you ("That's a Good Girl").

8.45-9 p.m.—Octets. Jack Buchanan and Elsie Randolph.

Scenes from "My Old Dutch." Betty Balfour and Michael Hogan. Moonlight Meanderings.

The Carlyle Cousins. Don't be afraid to tell your mother. I'm on a See-Saw ("Jill Darling").

Nonny, Nonny No ("Jill Darling"). Louise Browne and John Mills. 8.30-8.47 p.m.—"Tidewind Tattoo," 1935.

8.47-9 p.m.—Octets. Hearts and Flowers (arr. Willoughby).

The Wedding of the Rose (arr. Willoughby).

Cradle Song (arr. Hartley). Serenade (Schubert).

9-9.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenport News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).

9.15-10 p.m.—From the Studio. A Three Piano Jazz Recital by Bill Cameron, Lindsay Lafford and George Bond.

Programme.

1. It's June in January.

2. Eleven Thirty Saturday Night.

3. Gather 'Lip Rouge.

4. Tell me to-night.

5. The Girl in the Little Green Hat.

6. In Pictures.

7. All I do is dream of you.

8. Flower Lei.

9. Polly.

10. Outside of you.

11. Who wouldn't?

12. Marigold.

13. About a quarter to nine.

14. Pagaminin.

15. Selected.

16. Broadway Melody.

17. Let me call you sweetheart.

18. She wore a little jacket of blue.

10 p.m.—Big Ben.

10-10.05 p.m.—Film Hits of the Moment.

10.05-10.25 p.m.—From the Studio. "World Bridge Olympic."

A Description of the Tournament and Discussion of 1935 hand by M. E. Politi.

10.25-11 p.m.—Dance Music.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

SOLD FOR A  
SONGIngenious Fraud Upset  
By Rain

Vienna—Sparrows painted to represent canaries and sold at bargain prices have led to the imprisonment of a gypsy at Oedenburg, Burgenland.

The man is Sander Szilaby. He took a cage of his "canaries" to the market at Oedenburg, and crowds collected to admire their beauty.

Szilaby could not sell the birds quickly enough. Business flourished until it rained. In a few moments, an indignant purchaser was back. His "canary" had turned into a sparrow. Its colour had been washed off by the rain.

Szilaby was sentenced to imprisonment for three weeks.

Reuter.

## CYCLIST KILLED

An unknown man died last month in hospital after falling from his cycle in Park Royal-road, Acton.

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# Sporting Page

## GENERAL SATISFACTION EXPRESSED REGARDING H.K. SOCCER XI

### Sports Chatter

(By GEOFFREY SIMPSON)

London, December 2.

**E**VEN with wages fairly made, the McAvoy-McCoy fight happens to remind us that British fighting stock, when properly nurtured and taught, is the equal of any produced in foreign rings. It happened all right at Madison Square Garden, New York, when Mr. Joseph Bamford, ex-mill hand of Rochdale, alias Jock McAvoy, handed a beating to Al McCoy, rated No. 1 contender for the world light-heavyweight championship.

McAvoy won on points over ten rounds by such a wide margin that he exploded all the experts in New York and confounded the Dismal Jinnies at home.

To get this victory in the correct perspective it should be noted that in the world rankings for November, the name McAvoy meant so little to Americans that they did not grade him in the first ten cruiser-weights.

So they made McCoy favourite and hoped that the Britisher would be able to "take it."

#### WARMLY PRAISED

**I**n the fourth round the favourite was visiting the canvas from a thump on the chin, and did not look so good. By the end of 10 rounds he looked worse.

McAvoy got the decision and a warm ovation from the crowd. Americans can be scathing about fighters who cannot or will not fight, but when they get what they want they can be most generous.

Thus to-day McAvoy finds praise being showered on him from all sides. "The best British fighter I've seen here," said Jack Dempsey. "The best since Berg," said Jimmy Johnston, the Garden chief—and so on.

All of which means that McAvoy, who has already done himself well out of boxing, his hotel, and his riding school, is about to start collecting American dollars.

#### BIG OPPORTUNITY

**F**OR some years the best light-heavyweight in the States was Maxie Rosenbloom (otherwise "Slapsie," because of his open-glove hitting). Then there was Bob Olin, and, lastly, John Henry Lewis, a coloured man.

The arrival of McAvoy will stimulate a dull division, and the next we can expect to hear is that the Lancashire fighter has been paired with Lewis for the world crown.

This match should net McAvoy about \$5,000, but, more important, it might bring the championship to Britain—and can we do with it?

McAvoy has a splendid opportunity of making boxing history. He has the incentive, he has the moral assurance of a smart victory over America's best contender, and if he needs any further encouragement he can find it in the result of a recent fight in San Francisco.

In this Lewis, though not defending his title, was well beaten by Rosenbloom, who, for a pugilist, must be getting quite elderly.

#### UNITED STATES TRIALS FOR DAVIS CUP

At least six players are expected to be given trials for the 1936 American Davis Cup team, including Wilmer L. Allison Jr., the national champion; Johnny Van Ryn, Allison's doubles partner; J. Donald Budge, Frank Shields and "Bitty" Grant. The last named did so well last year that he turned down a professional offer.

### EAST LANCES JUNIOR HOCKEY TEAM BEAT "Y"

Dickinson Best Forward On View

MILITARY SIDE MUCH TOO GOOD

In a scrappy hockey match at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the East Lancs' second team defeated the Y.M.C.A. by the odd goal in three. The score, however, is no criterion of the respective merits of the teams, for the soldiers were obviously the better side. They might have won by a large margin had their forwards been able to take advantage of the openings.

Most of the play during the first half was in the "Y's" area. A. B. Henry, the "Y's" right-back putting in some very good work with quick and accurate clearances. The other back, E. Fowler, was obviously playing out of position, and gave a much better account of himself when he changed places with E. F. Selk, the inside-left, at the interval. H. Smith and C. Brock were the best in the "Y's" front line, while R. A. Bates and J. Millington were both reliable in the intermediate line.

#### Dickinson Excels

Dickinson, the East Lancs' inside-right, was easily the best forward on view, and gave McCarthy, the centre-forward, every support. McCarthy opened the scoring for the soldiers' midway through the first half, and added the other after the interval. W. J. Brown scored for the "Y's."

### SMITH BEATS SKINNER

Colony Billiards Championship

At the Club de Recreio last night, S. G. Smith beat L. D. Skinner by 300 points to 292 in the Junior Billiards Championship.

M. J. Medina received a walk-over from Ma Chun-man at the Club Lusitano.

The matches between "H. W. Staples and E. D. da Roza (at the C.S.C.C. at 8.30 p.m.) and P. A. Vranovitch and Lam Cho Cha (at the Cheero Club at 8.30 p.m.), both of which were scheduled for to-night, have been postponed until next week.

#### TO-DAY'S GAME

Lusitano: Mui Chan-jed v F. A. Broadbridge (J)

#### TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Y.M.C.A. on the Club Ground, King's Park, at 5 p.m. to-day.

H. F. Shields; J. Rodger and J. F. Potter (Capt.); G. Sommer, J. G. Cotesworth and J. L. Tetley; W. A. Reed, R. A. Bates, S. A. Fowler, D. Carey and K. C. Woodhouse.

#### POLICE LEAGUE FOOTBALL

The following will represent the European Police team in a Third Division Football League match against the R.A.M.C. to-day on the Kowloon F.C. ground at 3 p.m.:—Manning; Salter and Greig; Cameron, Brittain, and Campbell; Rose, Downman, Willerton, Green, and Shishkin. Reserves—Tetter, Hutchinson, Willis and Jessop.

#### 1936 HARDCOURT TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The seating accommodation for the 1936 hard court tennis championships at the West Hants Lawn Tennis Club, Melville Park, Bournemouth, will be increased did so well last year that he turned down a professional offer.

## Leonard Or Lee As Best Leader?

### CHANGE IN POSITIONS POSSIBLE

### BICKFORD AND TALBOT DANGEROUS WING

### IS SID STRANGE GOING UP AS A PLAYER?

**T**HE selection of the Interport soccer team to meet Shanghai on Friday week in the Northern city has met with general satisfaction and approval in local football circles, and the consensus of opinion is that the team chosen is a good and well balanced one.

The last-minute announcement by Lee Wai-tong that he would be able to make the trip was a source of much pleasure, and his inclusion in the team has greatly enhanced our chances of beating Shanghai.

Experience has shown that during most of the matches in Shanghai it was the local forward line that failed, but there is every reason to hope that the line chosen will do what is expected of them.

One little point to be considered is whether Leonard would not be better suited to the centre-forward position with Lee Wai-tong at inside-right. Lee can play equally well in both positions, but he can draw the defence and open up the play considerably better than Leonard, who generally relies on his weight to carry him through the opposing defence.

### PEN SKETCHES OF COLONY'S DEFENDERS

#### Fitting Conclusion To Rodger's Career

#### BELTRAO, FINE ALL-ROUNDER

The following are pen sketches of the Colony's defenders:

**GEORGE RODGER**, known to his more intimate friends as "Smiler," is one of the "younger veterans" in First Division football in the Colony to-day. Born in Hong Kong in 1890, Rodger first played football in Aberdeen, Scotland, as an inside-left. He then returned to the Colony in 1916 and played for the Kowloon Football Club. The next season found Rodger in the ranks of the Hong Kong Football Club, though he did not have much football owing to a cartilage injury. It was in the same season that he played for the Defence Corps team which won the United Services League, a competition which was inaugurated during the War. Later in the same season Rodger was given his place in the Club first eleven when "Archie" Goldenberg, their regular goalkeeper, was forced out of the game owing to an injury to his foot. Except for the periods when he was away on leave, Rodger has played for the Club ever since. He was captain of the team which won the league championship in 1925-26 and is skipper again this, his last year in senior division football.

Rodger won his first Interport cap in 1925-6 and has since figured in the matches between the Colony and Shanghai in 1929-30, November, 1932, and February, 1933.

He has been chosen again this season, thus bringing to a fitting close what has been a brilliant soccer career. Rodger has played for Scotland regularly since 1925 in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition, and has been captain of the side on numerous occasions.

**G. F. SWAIN**, the right-back of the East Lancashire Regiment, took little interest in soccer until he joined the Army in 1931, but he improved rapidly and now he is regarded as one of the finest footballers in the battalion. Before joining the Army he occasionally played for a small Manchester team. Shortly after he enlisted, however, he became highly

interested in the game and his first big match was when he played for the Garrison at Preston. In 1932 he played for the battalion at Catterick Camp. In 1933 the battalion came East, and during their short stay in Shanghai Swain turned out for them in most of their league fixtures. He has played continuously for them while they have been stationed in the Colony, as well as in several representative matches. He played right-back for England against Portugal in the Sunday Herald Cup, and also represented the Association against the Federation in the Governor's Cup. It was during the latter game that he was badly crooked.

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### PEN SKETCHES OF COLONY'S FORWARDS

#### Lee Wai Tong's Fine Record

B. GOSANO'S FOURTH INTERPORT

The following are pen sketches of the Colony attack:  
**Born in Hong Kong in 1910, B. GOSANO** learned his soccer at St. Joseph's College, and was a member of the team that won the School's League in 1923. He turned out for the Recreio in the Second Division in 1926 and made his First Division debut in 1928-29.

He played with considerable success on the right-wing and secured his first Interport cap against Shanghai in the 1930-31 season. He played again for the Colony in the November 1932-33 game and in February, 1933-34. In 1929-30 and 1931-32, he represented Hong Kong against Shanghai in the Portuguese Lusitano Cup Interport. He toured Java in 1931 with the Athletic team and in 1933 he was a member of St. Joseph's team that toured Manila in the same year during the Carnival Week.

**DAVID LEONARD** was born in Hong Kong in 1909 and learned his football at St. Joseph's College. He started playing in the League when only 14 years of age, at right-back in the Third Division. He has been playing for the Saints ever since, and has been for several years their main goal-scorer.

In 1931 he was chosen to represent Hong Kong as inside-left in the Interport team, but the trip was cancelled owing to the trouble in Shanghai. He however, travelled to Shanghai in 1934 as a reserve forward.

He toured Manila with the St. Joseph's team and is now one of their best all-rounders.

**LEE WAI-TONG**, the idol of the Chinese soccer public, has been playing football for the last 15 years. His first game was at inside-left with the second eleven, but he showed such good form that the following season (1921) found him in the first team.

He was a member of the South China team which toured Australia in 1922 and which, on their return to the Colony, won the League championship.

In 1924 Lee went to Shanghai and threw in his lot with the Loh Hwa Club, securing two Interport caps and captaining the team that this Club sent to Australia in 1930.

The following season found Lee back in the Colony again, and he has since then appeared fairly regularly for South China. He is the captain of the "A" team this year.

He has taken part in three Far Eastern Olympic Games, while he was also captain of the Southern China team at the National Meet held in Shanghai late in 1935.

**B. TALBOT**, of the Fusiliers, first came into the limelight in local football when he was forced to take Keneghan's position as pivot, following the latter's unfortunate accident. He had played regularly for the Fusiliers as a forward before that, and though he himself did not score many goals, was largely responsible for the openings through which his side scored.

The presence of Bickley in the Colony robbed him of obtaining a place as a forward in the Army and representative sides, but in the few games he has played so far he has shown up remarkably well. His quickness to adapt himself to the play of the other forwards was demonstrated when he partnered Bickford on New Year's day and Biddings and Leonard in the last Interport trial.

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Cheng Shui-hong, above, is the mainstay of Eastern's team and was largely responsible for his team's splendid win against the Fusiliers in the Junior Shield last Saturday.

### PEN SKETCHES OF RESERVES AND MANAGEMENT

#### Bliss, Example Of Perseverance

#### SID STRANGE HAS FINE RECORD

The following are pen sketches of the Colony's soccer reserves and management:

**GEORGE HILL**, who was born in Glasgow in 1908, was playing for the senior team of his school at the age of 13. Not long after leaving school he played in the Third Division of the Churches League in Glasgow, and a year later found him in the First Division.

From 1928 to 1930 he played for the Battlefield Football Club in the Scottish Amateur League, and in 1931 he joined the Dunoon Milton Rovers, a Second Division team participating in the West of Scotland Amateur League. While at Home he played at back, but when he joined the Kowloon Football Club in 1931 he was played in several positions.

In 1930 he joined the Hong Kong Football Club, where he has been partnering Sid Strange at full-back, though he has also been seen among the forwards.

He has played for Scotland on several occasions in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition and in other representative games.

**A. S. BLISS**, the Kowloon centre-half, first learned how to kick a football when at the Diocesan Boys' School and later at the Kowloon British School, now the Central British School. Although he is only 26 years of age, he has had 11 years' experience in league football, having first played for the third team of the Kowloon Football Club when but 15 years of age.

For the last eight years, however, Bliss has played for the Kowloon seniors.

The Kowloon pivot has played mostly in the intermediate line, though he has occupied both the full-back and goal-keeping positions for Kowloon.

He had very bad luck in 1930 when, after being selected to make the trip to Shanghai with the Colony team, he was so badly injured in a match only a week prior to the Interport that he had to be left out of the side. Nothing daunted, however, Bliss persevered and when Hong Kong sent a team North again in 1932, he made the trip. In addition to this, Bliss has played in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup as well as the Lai Wah Cup matches.

**WONG MEI-SHUN** first played football in 1923, when he toured out for the South China second eleven. He was tried in several positions, but was best suited to the outside-left berth.

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Young Shui-yick, above, contributed in no small measure to South China "B's" Senior Shield win over Lyemum last Saturday.

### CATHOLIC UNION CLUB LEAD

#### Steel, Coulson's Billiards

#### R. E. SERGEANTS CLOSE ON THEIR HEELS

As a result of recent matches, the Catholic Union continue to head the Steel, Coulson's Billiards League, whilst the R.E. Sergeants have displaced the Prison Officers, to secure second place.

The following are the latest results:

C & P.O.'s Club	1 R. E. Sgt's		
Ramsay	150	Warr	72
Savage	115	Harris	150
Harris	113	Raynor	150
Edmonds	116	Staples	150
Darwent	138	Chant	150
R.N. Yard Police	0	Prison Officers	5
Stafford	137	Pile	150
Philpott	118	Pile	150
Gorman	63	Perry	150
Brotherton	117	Hill	150
Gwyther	91	Shaw	150
Catholic Union	5	Civil Service	0
Gill	150	Grimmitt	118
Periera	150	Rakusen	25
Santos	150	McGowan	51
Silva	150	Phillips	123
Jordan	150	Strange	43
Santos made a break of 50 and Periera made one of 69 (unfinished).			
D.C.C.	4	St. Patrick's	1
Newham	150	Santos	89
Lewis	150	Benedictos	145
Ash	150	Castillo	37
Marx	150	Castro	132
Bright	142	Benedictos	150

TABLE TO DATE					
	P. W. L.	F.	P.	A.	
C. U. C.	10	9	1	40	10
R. E. Sgt's	10	7	3	32	18
Prison Officers	10	7	3	31	19
R. W. F.	7	5	2	22	13
C. S. C. C.	9	5	4	22	23
D. R. C.	10	4	6	20	30
Garrison Sgts.	8	4	4	20	20
C.P.O.'s	9	2	7	16	23
R. N. Y. P.	10	7	8	16	34
St. Patrick's	9	1	8	11	34

### NEW ZEALAND VISITORS

#### Line-Up For Game Against Colony

A wireless message has been received from Mr. Martin Smith giving the following as the line-up of the New Zealand Universities Rugby team to meet Hong Kong to-morrow on the Club ground, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

#### K.C.C. LEAGUE TEAM

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club against the Civil Service in the premier cricket league at the Valley next Saturday:

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## AUSTRALIA THRILLED BY HENRI COCHET STILL A MAGNIFICENT PLAYER

London, December 23. HENRI Cochet, ex-Amateur Lawn Tennis Champion of the World, who visited Ceylon a few months ago in a professional capacity and played in Colombo, is now in Australia where his brilliant play against Australia's leading professionals has been the subject of much eulogy, is still a wonderful player.

William T. Tilden, himself one of the greatest, and fit to mention alongside N. E. Brookes, and Anthony Wilding at their best, paid the former French champion a very fine and fitting compliment in one of his books, written while he was still an amateur.

"Here is the most intriguing personality in tennis," wrote Tilden. "Here is the man who, in his flights of inspiration, scales the heights of tennis undreamed of by others. I first saw Cochet nearly five years ago (written in 1928), when he first came to the United States in the Davis Cup competition, and I was impressed with his great promise.

### NO MORE SPILLS!

#### New Stud For Football In All Weather

Footballers stand in slippery places—if the studs in their boots are right. Vital matches have been decided on this question of soles. I have been shown what appears to be a simple and practical solution, writes a Home correspondent.

It is a rubber stud with a flat circular base. A rubber ring may be placed above the base to make a deep stud for exceptionally heavy going—slipped over the stud. It gives the hold which is necessary on a dry or frost-hardened pitch: left off altogether, it forms the correct wear for a ground which is in the normal winter condition.

It can be quickly fixed in any of the three positions, and there is no danger from nailheads, which can and do create a lot of damage.

"He is a marvellous volleyer, and has the best overhead of any short man I have ever seen. Cochet is that unique player who can attack or defend with equal ease. Usually he attacks, driving deep and following to the net for his volley. But, if that attack is broken up, Cochet can retire to the baseline and fight out a defensive battle with much of the steadiness and more resource than Lacoste."

**Full Of Grace**

"Cochet is a handsome man, full of personality and grace. His marvellous court covering is not only a remarkable piece of physical control, but is beautiful to watch. He is never awkward, never seemingly hurried unduly in making his strokes. In those inspired moments of his, Cochet is the greatest of all Frenchmen, and in my opinion, possibly the greatest player who has ever lived."

Local tennis enthusiasts had an opportunity of watching the French marvel in action recently at the Kowloon Cricket Club courts when he played against F. Aragon of the Philippines. R. Canavaro of Shanghai and some of the leading local players. Although they did not see Cochet at his best, they were nevertheless treated to a sparkling exhibition of tennis.

## STRONG REPLY BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS

### TO GIVE UP RACING

#### THE EARL OF LONSDALE TO SHUT STABLE

#### WILL RETAIN HIS CASTLE

#### Heavy Losses In The Coal Industry

London, December 18. The Earl of Lonsdale, whose decision to close Lowther Castle, near here, was announced this morning, is also giving up racing. His colours—white, with yellow seams and red cap—may not be seen at the opening of the next flat-racing season.

He did little racing last season, having only five horses in training and winning only two races, of a total value of \$400. Three years ago he came third in the list of winning owners, with a total of \$15,167—most of it won for him by Myrobellia. In 1922 he won the St. Leger with Royal Lancer.

Since the war Lord Lonsdale had, for the most part, leased his horses from the National Stud.

**Castle Not To Be Sold**

Lord Lonsdale is reported to have said that his reason for closing the castle, his home for more than half a century, was lack of money.

"It costs about \$15,000 a year to run the place, and, to-day, with my present income, it cannot be done," he said. "The closing of the Whitehaven pits has greatly influenced my decision. There is something in the region of \$160,000—I forget the exact amount—owing us from the previous company which had the mines."

Referring to his own estates company, Lord Lonsdale said: "We have had to pay \$60,000 in surtax. These things have been a big blow."

Lord Lonsdale, who will be 79 next month, does not, it is understood, contemplate selling the castle. Caretakers will be left in charge to look after the furniture and books when he closes it on Jan. 1.

"I shall come back North occasionally, I expect," he added, "but when I do I shall stay with my nephew, Mr. Antony Lowther, at Askham Hall, near Penrith."

#### Rumours Denied

London, Dec. 20. The Earl of Lonsdale replied to the report that he intended to give up racing when I spoke to him in the train here this afternoon during his journey to London, writes a Home correspondent.

"Leave racing? Certainly not," he said. "I shall be racing only three or four horses next year."

He added that, as usual, some of his horses are to be trained with Mr. Fred Darling, of Beckenham, but he did not intend to sever his connection with Mr. Armstrong, of Middleham.

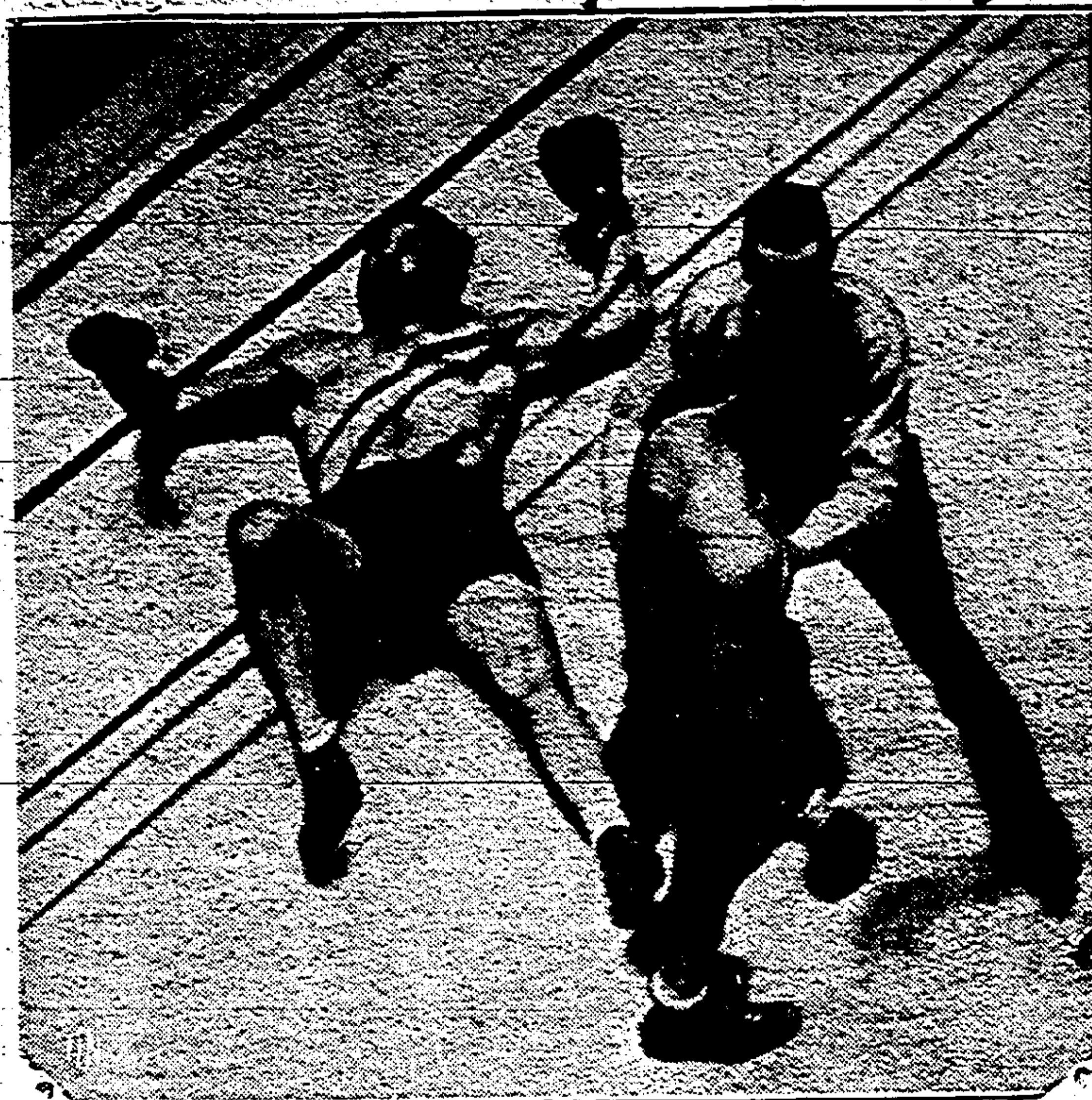
Lord Lonsdale expressed impatience at the rumours following his decision to close Lowther Castle, his Westmorland seat. "We always close Lowther in the winter," he said.

#### PEN SKETCHES OF COLONY'S FORWARDS

(Continued from Page 4.) Talbot is a hard worker who drops back for the ball, and who is always up with his forwards when required. He is undoubtedly Dick Ridley's successor.

R. I. RICKFORD, who was born in Gibraltar in 1913, first played football for the Portsmouth Grammar School in 1925-26. He arrived in Hong Kong in 1927 and played for the Central British School, gaining his place shortly after in the Kowloon Football Club's senior team.

The 1933-34 season found Rickford wearing the Club's colours, and the following season he won "interior" recognition. He has since played for the H.K.F.A. and Civilian, and England in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition.



Looking down from the rafters of Madison Square Garden in that fourth round of the Joe Louis-Paulino Uzcudun bout, the camera secured this bird's eye view of the knockdown of Uzcudun by the fast action from Detroit. Paulino is here shown lying flat on his back as referee Arthur Donovan leads Louis to a neutral corner. After eight seconds the Basque got on to his feet, but he was obviously unable to continue, and the fight was stopped to give Louis a technical knockout victory before a crowd of 20,000.

### FIRE BRIGADE TROUNCED

#### Recreio "A" Secure Eight Sets

#### V.R.C. BADMINTON WIN

The Fire Brigade Recreation Club sustained their first severe defeat in the Men's Doubles Badminton League last night, when they were outplayed by the Club de Recreio "A" team by 8 sets to 1 at the Central Police Station.

Playing at home, the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home only managed to secure two sets against the Victoria Recreation Club.

Detailed results of the two games were as follows:

**Fire Brigade Lose**

At the Central Police Station last night, the Recreio "A" beat the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 8 sets to 1:

E. L. Shute and W. Stoker (Fire Brigade) lost to L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 18-21  
lost to H. A. Alves and M. Oliveira 21-24  
beat E. de Sousa and J. Ribeiro 21-14

J. L. Anderson and H. Greenwood (Fire Brigade) lost to Carvalho and Silva 8-21  
lost to Alves and Oliveira 5-21  
lost to Sousa and Ribeiro 14-21

A. L. Fisher and G. Williams (Fire Brigade) lost to Carvalho and Silva 8-21  
lost to Alves and Oliveira 8-21  
lost to Sousa and Ribeiro 8-21

**V.R.C. Succeeded**

At Wanchai last night, the Victoria Recreation Club beat the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by 7 sets to 2—

R. K. Collings and J. Windfield (S. & S. Home) lost to D. P. Lopes and M. M. Soares 21-23  
lost to S. A. Ramjahn and C. N. Silva 10-21  
beat W. Fisher and E. M. L. Soares 21-6

A. Edwards and J. Heath (S. & S. Home) lost to Lopes and Soares 5-21  
lost to Ramjahn and Silva 1-21  
beat Fisher and Soares 15-21

H. R. Harris and W. Brown (S. & S. Home) lost to Lopes and Soares 14-21  
lost to Ramjahn and Silva 7-21  
beat Fisher and Soares 15-21

#### LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	Games	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Andrew's "A"	6	6	0	46	8	12	12
Recreio "B"	7	6	1	45	18	12	12
Recreio "A"	6	6	0	46	8	12	12
C. E. C.	6	4	2	37	17	2	8
Fire Brigade	7	4	3	28	58	2	8
St. John's	9	4	5	31	50	9	9
Entic Hall "A"	3	3	0	24	3	6	6
W. R. C.	2	3	0	30	51	6	6
St. Andrew's "B"	2	2	0	21	23	4	4
Talbot "B"	6	2	4	19	25	4	4
Entic Hall "B"	1	1	0	7	2	2	2
S. & S. Home	7	0	7	19	44	0	0
Kowloon Tong	3	0	3	25	47	0	0

### THE KING HAS A TALK WITH HIS RETIRING JOCKEY

#### Childs Presented With Silver Cigarette Case

Joe Childs, who retired from the saddle this year after riding for ten years as the King's jockey, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

"I went up to the Palace alone," Childs said last night. "and talked with the King for 20 minutes. We talked mostly about horses—the King's horses."

"The King was very kind and wished me happiness in my retirement."

"His Majesty gave me a silver cigarette case. There is an inscription on it to commemorate my having ridden as his jockey from 1925 until 1935. It is initialed 'G.R.'"

### EX-COLONY CHAMPION IN DULL FIGHT

#### Rowles Encounters Diamond

#### TOO MUCH MAULING AND HOLDING

London, December 17. I thought English boxers had passed that phase during which anybody who came from America was believed to carry dynamite in his gloves and start ten stone in hand of normal men, writes a Home correspondent.

There were, nevertheless, more than faint flickers of such an attitude during one of the most wearisome Albert Hall nights I can remember.

We saw holding, mauling, pulling, a caricature of wrestling in its crudest form. I know some referees who would not have tolerated some of the things which were labelled boxing.

**Monotonous "Breaks"**

To a monotonous chant of "break," one Al Diamond, a perky-looking and hatchet-faced American, and ex-Seamie Rowles, (formerly heavy weight champion of Hong Kong) went through what Ben Bennison aptly describes as a "welter of disorderliness."

And Roy Lazer—who, it is said, will now fight Primo Camera in Paris—appeared to assume the form of a devastating monster of a pugilistic magician in the eyes of Ben Ford, the South African. Lazer on the two occasions I have seen him, is neither.

**Camera Need Not Worry**

The simple and genial Camera, whom I have never ranked as more than an abnormally sized fighter, has no need to lose any sleep.

If boxers know no better they may be tolerated in their disre-

### IS JOE LOUIS BEST OF THE AGE?

#### Jack Dempsey Voices His Opinion

#### BLACK BOMBER DOES NOT WANT TO KILL!

New York, December 16.

Is Joe Louis, the Negro boxer who defeated Paulino Uzcudun, the Spaniard, on Friday night, the greatest fighter of his age?

This question is being hotly debated by the men who should know.

Dempsey, the hardest hitter the ring has ever known, says: "I don't want to take anything away from Louis—he is the foremost challenger for the world heavyweight title—but we shall not know if he is a really great fighter until somebody gets in the ring with him who will do some hitting."

"Most of the fighters Louis has faced have folded up too quickly. Camera, Levinsky, Paulino—not one of them was counted out. That proves Louis doesn't finish with his punch, though he is a paralyzing hitter."

"I think James Braddock, the heavyweight champion of the world, will give him a tougher fight than Max Schmeling, because Jim is a difficult target; Max is easy to hit. Also Braddock punches much harder with his right than does Schmeling."

#### When Louis Was "Scared"

As he sailed for Germany last night Schmeling, the former heavy-weight champion, said: "Louis is a good fighter, but he can be hit; I think I've satisfied everyone I can hit hard myself."

Talking of his own punching ability, Louis says: "I didn't get into this game to kill people; boxing is just business with me."

"I hope I never have hit a man harder than just to stop him. I was scared when I thought the referee was not going to stop the fight. Paulino was helpless."

#### INTERNATIONAL

Wolverhampton Wanderers have signed Albert Hayes, a wing half from Aberdare F.C., who played for Wales in a schools international.

guard for the rules—written and unwritten—of the boxing game.

If, as on this occasion, the ignorant assumption that anything they can get away with is permissible comes from men supposed to be in the higher echelons of their profession, responsibility goes back to the official in charge. Whatever steps, and however drastic, needed to prevent such affairs dragging to a conclusion should have been taken. Nobody wants to see it.

### A SPLENDID RECOVERY

#### BOWLING THAT WAS ATTACKED WITH COURAGE

#### SIEDLE HITS A SIX!

#### Chipperfield Has Many "Lives"

London, December 18. With A. G. Chipperfield scoring 109, Australia carried their overnight total of 239 for 4, to 429 in the First Test, against South Africa, at Durban. This gave the tourists a lead of 181 on the first innings.

South Africa made a spirited reply, and were 167 for three at the close, after being 89 for three. I. J. Siedle (59), A. D. Nourse (48 not out) and E. A. Rowan (33 not out), showed that the Australian bowling could be hit if met with courage. Siedle actually hit a ball from Fleetwood-Smith into the covered stand. In addition, he scored seven boundaries and three 3's in his stay of 84 minutes.

Rowan and Nourse also played with delightful freedom, and at one stage, towards the end of the day, put on 51 runs in half-an-hour. This was the fastest bit of scoring by either side.

#### Chipperfield's "Lives"

South Africa have only themselves to blame for the Australian total reaching 429. Their fielding was deplorable. Chipperfield was dropped several times.

When play was resumed it looked as though the South Africans were going to finish off the Australian innings quickly. Two wickets fell at 299, Darling being caught at cover-point for 60, and Oldfield being out l.b.w., but the advantage was not followed up.

"Apart from Chipperfield there was little left in the batting, but Chipperfield was missed when 26, and again when 40. O'Reilly was allowed to bat 40 minutes, and Grimmett nearly an hour and a half. They kept their wickets while Chipperfield did the scoring."

O'Reilly was eventually caught in front of the sight screen off a straight drive at 329, and Grimmett fell to a catch at the wicket. Finally Chipperfield played on, and Langton finished the innings by bowling Fleetwood-Smith at 429.

#### Mitchell Run-Out

Siedle and Mitchell looked as though they meant business when they opened South Africa's second innings. They attacked the slow bowlers, and scored at the rate of over a run a minute until the score reached 51, when Mitchell was run out. He smacked a ball behind Oldfield, but did not notice Chipperfield, who felled the ball quickly, and threw the wicket down to run Mitchell out by inches.

Mitchell's departure did not slow down Siedle's game. He took a beautiful six off Fleetwood-Smith to reach his 50 in 76 minutes, but shortly afterwards, at 88, he was well beaten and bowled by a leg-break from Grimmett.

When Viljoen was "bowled" by Fleetwood-Smith, things looked bad for South Africa, but Rowan and Nourse gave their side a fighting chance of forcing a draw by taking the score to 187. The 100 went up in 109 minutes, and the 150 in 140 minutes.

Australia, however, won by 9 wickets.

#### BOUGHT FOR £1000; SOLD FOR £12500

While there is all the talk of the Heart of Midlothian getting big money for the sale of McCulloch and Massie it is worth recalling that William McCartney signed both players for round about £1000—a clear gain of at least £11500.


#### NEW WORLD CHAMPION

Paris, January 1. Valentin Angelman, French pugilist, defeated King David, Belgian boxer, and won the world's flyweight championship yesterday, when the Belgian threw in his gloves in the fifth round—Havas.



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### Perfidy Albion

It is one of the penalties of a world-wide commerce and the consequent political interests combined with a profession of general amity, that any nation that gets into a difficulty, whether by its own action or merely by misfortune, expects Great Britain to come to its aid. And when two nations quarrel or have divergent interests, and both expect our assistance, it is impossible to avoid incurring the suspicion of perfidy to one or other, or both. The recent disastrous attempt to prove friendship to France has drawn an avalanche of suspicion from everybody else, while France, so far from having achieved any confidence in our good faith, is still smarting from a sense of injury inspired by the naval understanding with Germany made only a few months ago. It is still doubtful whether the situation can be completely saved and confidence restored, but it is at least clear that only the jettisoning of Sir Samuel Hoare and his scheme of conciliation made it possible to save even the chance of regaining the leadership of public opinion which had been laboriously won.

But it is interesting to watch the same traditional suspicion of perfidy at work in the narrower field of finance, in which we are at the moment very closely entangled. It is natural to look for this habitual attitude first in the United States. The provisions of the Act authorising the purchase of silver for the ultimate control has for the nonce passed, not even to New York, but to Washington. In so far as that is due to the plain facts of commerce and the enormous natural wealth and manufacturing plant of the States, there is nothing to be said, but the experimental adventures of the Treasury have aimed at a complete control of the world's finance, and the obstacle in the way has always been the open London market. This is of course interpreted as deliberate treachery, but treachery to what obligation? There is of course the war debt. But there is not really any reason why the British war debt should have been treated differently from others. We are supposed to have defaulted voluntarily, when the fact is that a few more payments of gold bullion would have made trade over a large part of the world impossible, and would have done far more injury to American foreign trade than the terrible slump which actually occurred. The price of gold would have been raised still more rapidly, there would have been no other medium, and the failure to pay public debts would have been capped by the failure to pay private debts.

It is equally useless to point out that the "Brains Trust" as a whole — for there is no common purpose guiding the Washington Departments, which often pursue contradictory policies — learned nothing from their experience with gold, and repeated the same folly with silver. Even their own bankers and brokers are now pointing that out with great emphasis. They will not be listened to, for the sweeping denunciations of the popular orators of the Radio are just as suspicious of "Wall Street" as they are of England. Nobody with any Radio celebrity has yet had the courage to tell the people that they have been entirely misled as to the function and the proper use of money. It does seem absurd to set out to tell the

## EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

Played On 2 Winning Teams In One Day

HARRY RICE, veteran outfielder now with the Portland Club of the Pacific Coast League, had the unique experience of playing on the winning team in both games of a double-header in Seattle, July 4, 1935, although Portland and Seattle each took a game. Rice played with Seattle in the opening game, which was Seattle's 4 to 3. Between games he was traded to Portland, changed uniforms, and played the second game, which was won by Portland, 3 to 1.

### Most Faithful Timekeeper

The oldest clock in the world running with its original works is the parish clock of Rye, England. Work on the clock began 420 years ago, but it was not finished until 1560. Since then it has ticked away without a stop, except for minor adjustments, and keeps perfect time to this day, after 375 years. The clock is simplicity itself, cost a mere \$15.00 to make, and the inventor received exactly \$1.65 for his invention. The clock is powered by a 24 foot pendulum, which hangs down inside the church, and makes 25 beats to the minute.

### GIPSY FLOWER-SELLER'S FUNERAL POMP

A six-horse hearse, with a postilion in black and gold livery, headed the funeral procession when Mrs. Rebecca Powell, 73, a gipsy flower-seller, was buried at Mitcham, Surrey, last month. Twelve horsed carriages and two motor-cars followed, and behind walked over 100 mourners, the men in blue reefer jackets and the women in furs and plumed hats.

people of the "land of the dollar" that what they most need is an understanding of what a dollar is. Yet that is the bedrock fact of the situation.

The present position of the Silver Purchase Act transactions is that a special Banking Syndicate has had to be arranged to carry the forward purchases of the London brokers. The provisions of the Act authorised the purchase of silver either till the price reached \$1.29 per ounce, (equal to five shillings and twopence), or till the weight of metal was equal to one fourth of the gold bullion. Neither limit was ever practically attainable, unless the Treasury had been willing to buy silver with gold, as it has done on a small scale in its deal with Mexico. The amount of gold at the end of the year exceeded £2,000,000,000 in value. The amount of silver would have had to be four thousand and a half million ounces, which is twenty-five times the sum of the world's total annual production. At current price it should have been worth \$867,000,000. All that money would have been simply locked up, for the gold provides all the cover needed for the paper dollar, and as much again. The highest London quotation for silver during last year, when the States were buying large quantities, spot and forward, was three shillings and a farthing. When the Treasury confined purchases to "spot" it becomes impossible to quote a price for "forward," and spot fell to two shillings and twopence.

What the brokers had overlooked was that there was no time-limit fixed for reaching the maximum, and it was at the option of Mr. Morgenthau to postpone it to the Greek Kalends. He was therefore left in complete command of the silver market, and in self-defence the silver-using countries had to abandon their standard. The lowest modern price of silver was one shilling an ounce, and at a commodity value there is nothing to prevent it from dropping again to that level. It would suffice for the Treasury to stop purchasing, and if there were any attempt to sell things would be worse.

Where in all this does the "perfidy of the English" of which they are accused by Father Coughlin and the silver Senators, come in?

Here  
There,  
and  
Everywhere.

### CLOGBOG AND CHESABILL

Sir William Craigie has launched from Chicago a further instalment of his immense "Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue." It opens with Chamberlaine ("three gnyntaris and three chamberlains"), and closes with Commove, Commowe, Commove or Commuf ("whereast the Earl was beichlie commovt, saying 'Robert was a feeble beast'").

Such words as Clogbog and Chesabil—which may be spelt in 22 different ways, all different from the English chasuble—ornament the volume.

### THE DICTIONARY KING

Sir William Craigie, who is Professor of English at the University of Chicago, may almost be described as the dictionary king. He was for many years joint editor with Dr. C. T. Onions of the Oxford Dictionary, and he is now editing an "Historical Dictionary of the American Language." The present section of the Scottish work is the fifth. The first appeared in November, 1931. At the present rate of progress it will take about 20 years more to complete the dictionary, which is to appear in 25 parts.

### Your Daily Smile!

Seen Worse  
The sad-looking man in the tenement area leaned over the banister and caught the visitor before she could disappear down a hole in the staircase.  
"I wonder," said the visitor, indignantly, "the landlord doesn't do something to repair this wretched building!"  
"Well," said the slum dweller, "he was going to do something about it until he went on a tour to Naples and saw the ruins of Pompeii. Now he thinks this isn't too bad."

Now It Can Be Told  
"Oatmeal, oatmeal, every day oatmeal!" lamented Willie.  
"Yes," said Fred, "no wonder they call it a serial."

Easy Etiquette  
Social tact is making your company feel at home even though you wish they were.  
The easiest way to climb the social ladder is to have your grandfather begin at the bottom of it.  
All kinds of social knowledge and graces are useful, but one of the best is to be able to yawn with your mouth closed.

## GRADING THE WORLD FLEETS

### IMPORTANT ISSUES AT NAVAL PARLEY

### BIG INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AWAIT SOLUTION

(By Hector C. Bywater)

INTERNATIONAL problems of the first magnitude awaited solution by the Naval Conference opened in London last week. Japan's renunciation of the Washington Five-Power Treaty a year ago has undermined the whole structure of naval limitation laboriously built up at Washington in 1921-22, and reinforced by the London Three-Power Treaty of 1930.

Both of these covenants expire at the end of this year, and unless they are replaced by new safeguards the way will be left open for unrestricted competition in naval armaments.

The root principle of the system of control established in 1922 is fleet limitation by ratios, subdivided into ship categories. Thus, in the Washington Treaty, the British and American navies were placed on a footing of equality; Japan was allotted three-fifths of their respective aggregates, and France and Italy each received a tonnage allowance slightly above one-third of the maximum figure.

Conference's First Task  
Until 1930 these ratios applied only to capital ships and aircraft-carriers, but in that year they were extended to cruisers, destroyers, and submarines in the case of Britain, the United States, and Japan. France and Italy did not accept this extension, and since 1930 both Powers have added largely to their fleets of light surface craft and submarines. Inevitably, therefore, the proposed scale of relative naval power has been completely upset.

It will be the first task of the Conference to establish a new system of grading the world's principal fleets, and controlling their future expansion. From the British point of view, the problem has been rendered more urgent in consequence of Germany's rearmament at sea. By the Anglo-German agreement signed last

June, Germany became entitled to build up to 35 per cent. of Britain's total tonnage—including that of the Dominion navies—in surface vessels, and up to 45 per cent. of our submarine strength.

She is exercising this right with so much energy that the appearance in the North Sea of a fleet one-third as large as our own, but infinitely more modern in design and construction, is a matter of a few years only.

### North Sea Vital Area

This new fact is bound to effect a radical reorientation of British naval strategy. Since the war the Admiralty staff has been much more interested in the Mediterranean, the Far East, and other distant zones than in home waters. Now, however, the North Sea is reverting to its former status as a strategic area of cardinal importance.

It would be imprudent to overlook the fact that, whereas Germany is free to mass the whole of her fleet in the North Sea, our world-wide commitments compel us to keep the major part of our naval force in the outer seas. At the present moment, for example, out of a total of 35 cruisers in full commission only four are attached to the Home Fleet.

It is fully recognised that naval limitation on the ratio system is moribund, and cannot be resuscitated. Therefore, at the present Conference, the British Government has suggested an alternative formula, which was outlined in Parliament on July 22 by the First Lord of the Admiralty:

"We have had to give up (he said) the idea of ratios, and in future we must go in for the principle of programmes. We have abandoned the principle of asking naval Powers what the ultimate strength of their navies is to be, and instead are asking them what size they will be in 1942. If we can then pool these replies, and by agreement accommodate these various naval strengths in such

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### "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley





## "TRUTH SERUM"

### CHEMIST ON SCOPOLAMINE EXPERIMENTS

#### Scientific Poisoning

#### NEED FOR MORE CONTROL OVER NEW DRUGS

The existence of a substance which, it is claimed, causes men to speak the truth, whether they like it or not, was mentioned by Mr. Henry T. F. Rhodes in an address at the annual meeting of the British Association of Chemists in Liverpool recently.

Speaking of the control of the sale of poisons, Mr. Rhodes said that, had control existed in the fifteenth century, poisoning, which became a fine art, would not have been so largely practised.

#### Timed Poisons

The Borgias were expert poisoners, and they used arsenic scientifically. The so-called timed poisons, for example, consisted of arsenic administered in such a way that the poisoner could watch his victim slowly die with symptoms very like those of natural disease, and could almost predict to a day the time of his death.

The same thing was often done now, as the criminal records showed. He often wondered how many people died in England yearly, apparently from natural causes, who had, in fact, been poisoned by the expert administration of arsenic.

The advance of chemistry and biochemistry made legislation more necessary than ever. Certain substances, not formally classed as poisons, could be very dangerous agents in the hands of those who wished to murder without leaving a trace of their crime.

Insulin was an example. An overdose was extremely dangerous, since it reacted upon the muscular system, particularly that of the heart, causing heart-failure. The insulin decomposed and could not be traced in the body after death. There were other substances which could be used, not with intent to murder, but for other unscrupulous motives.

#### "The Truth Serum"

An example was scopolamine, sometimes wrongly called the "truth serum." It was not a serum but an alkaloid, and, when administered in a certain way, it was said to have a certain psychological effect which caused men to speak the truth whether they wished to or not. Experiments had been tried with this drug on criminals in America.

What the effect really was was uncertain, but there was little doubt that it was profound and that it took men off their guard so that they would make admissions that they would withhold when in a normal state. It was perfectly obvious what opportunities the existence of drugs of this kind gave to the unscrupulous.

### CHILDREN'S CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT

#### For Ambulance Work In New Territories

By kind permission of the Managing Director of the King's Theatre, a Children's Cinema Entertainment has been arranged by Mrs. G. F. Hole for Tuesday, January 28, at 10.30 a.m.

Mrs. Hole has selected, through the courtesy of the film distributors, "Mickey Mouse" and other suitable and attractive pictures. The performance will prove a popular attraction for the Chinese New Year holidays.

The prices will be 50 cents, 30 cents, and 20 cents for children; adults, usual prices.

The proceeds are to be devoted to the John Ambulance Association New Territory Clinics and for the relief of the sick poor in the New Territories—women and children in particular.

Principals of schools are kindly asked to co-operate with the St. John Ambulance Association, which is in urgent need of funds for the maintenance of the New Territories benevolent work, where lives of expectant mothers and sick children depend upon the ministrations of St. John nurses.



Edith Fellows gives an excellent performance in the Columbia picture, "She Married Her Boss," which will be shown at the King's and Alhambra Theatres to-morrow.

### PEN SKETCHES OF COLONY'S DEFENDERS

(Continued from Page 4)

C. S. PILE was born in Hong Kong in 1909 and was educated at St. Joseph's College, Hong Kong. In 1927 he joined the Kowloon Football Club and played for them in the Third Division, but was soon promoted to the first team, in which he played first at outside-right and later at outside-left. The following season he played at left-back, and in the next three years he was a member of the Kowloon team which reached the final of the Senior Shield twice.

In 1931 he joined the Hong Kong Football Club, but he only played one game for them as he joined the Hong Kong Police soon after.

Pile's first appearance in a soccer interport was in 1930 when he played at left-back in A. V. Gosano's team. The following year he was chosen as reserve outside-left in Hong Kong, and in 1934 he was chosen as left-half. Last year he played at left-back in the team which beat Shanghai. He has also played for England in the local competition and in the Governor's and Lai Wah Cup contests.

Besides football, Pile plays regularly for the Police at hockey on the right wing, being a member of the Police team which won the Mamak Hockey Tournament two seasons ago. He is also a good tennis player and plays for the Police Recreation Club in the league, while he is considered one of the best cueists in the Force.

LEUNG WING-CHIU is another of the many players who started with the South China second team—in 1924. He originally played at full-back. Two years later, however, he gained promotion and has played in almost all the positions in the intermediate line ever since. He has been twice capped for Hong Kong in the Interport series and played for China once in the Far Eastern Olympic Games. He is vice-captain of the South China "A" team this season.

N. BELTRAO, the Recreio and Interport centre-half, who was born in Macao, first played soccer while at school.

He made his first appearance in local soccer when he played for the Recreio seniors in 1926, at the age of 16, in goal. Subsequently he was tried out in all the positions, and was finally played as a pivot, in which berth he has remained ever since.

Last year revealed him in his best form, and he was selected as the Colony's pivot against Shanghai. Previous to this he had represented the Colony's Portuguese Community against the Club Lusitano, of Shanghai, in the annual Portuguese Interport, which has since been temporarily abandoned.

A fine all-rounder, Beltrao excels at tennis, badminton, hockey and basketball, while he still is a fairly good sprinter.

Born in Hong Kong, LEE KWOK-WAI had his first game of football in 1925 when he played for the South China second eleven. Despite his good performances, he did not gain a place in the first team till 1932, this being due to the fact that there were too many claims for the eleven places in the side.

In 1935 he was chosen to play for China in the Olympic Games and in the same year he just missed his "Colony" cap, being chosen as reserve for the Interport against Shanghai.

### WORLD BRIDGE OLYMPIC

Broadcast By Mr. M. E. Politi

#### TWO HANDS DISCUSSED TO-NIGHT

At 10.05 to-night, Mr. Politi, who delivered several broadcasts last year, will discuss the tournament to be held at the American Club on February 4 at 7.30 p.m.

Last year over 200,000 enthusiasts played the hands, each of which is carefully selected by experts to illustrate some point of value to every-day Bridge play. Results are scored against a par for bidding and play.

Mr. Politi will describe the two hands shown below; so listeners should have this article before them at the time.

East Dealer		North and South Vulnerable	
S	K J 9 8 3	N	10
H	K J 7 5 2	E	A Q 10 5 4
D	10 2	S	7 5 4
C	K J 7 5 2	E	A Q 9 4
South Dealer		Both sides Vulnerable	
S	A 5 3 2	N	10 5 2
H	A K Q 7 6	E	A Q 10 5 2
D	10 3	S	A K Q 7
C	8 5	E	K J 10 3

Players interested are reminded that entries close at noon of Saturday January 25.

### PEN SKETCHES OF RESERVES AND MANAGEMENT

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His first participation in representative football was in 1926, when he gained a place in the China soccer eleven which went to the Far Eastern Olympiad at Manila in 1926. After that he played in the first eleven and has done so ever since. He has occupied both the centre-half and centre-forward positions and has won Interport recognition twice.

M. L. RAILTON, who was born at Cape Town, South Africa, in 1905, was educated at Chertsey School, Surrey, England, and at the Victoria British School, Hong Kong.

While in South Africa he started playing Rugby, but changed over to soccer when he arrived in Hong Kong in 1908. He started playing for the Club in 1911, and captained the Club side which reached the final of the Senior Shield in 1921, but he left for Home before the final was played. He also skipped the English team in the annual match against Scotland in 1920. That was before the institution of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition.

In 1923 he was transferred to Kobe and for seven years he captained the Kobe Football Club team and took part in all the interport games against Yokohama. He returned to Hong Kong in 1931 and has been figuring prominently with the Club's senior team this season.

S. H. STRANGE, the former Club and Interport captain, was born in London in 1909 and first played at school, skipping the London Schools. He played in the London League and was also in the London Conservative Football Association team, captained by his younger brother "E.L." in the early part of 1929-30, when they won the All-London Cup.

He arrived in the Colony in the latter stages of the 1929-30 season and joined the Club seniors, with whom he has been associated ever since. He secured his first Interport "cap" in his first season in the Colony—1929-30—and again in 1931-32 and 1933-34, when he captained the side. He skippered the Club for two seasons in succession and has played in the Lai Wah Cup, the Sunday Herald Cup and the Governor's Cup competitions.

Four cases of diphtheria were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended on Monday.

#### To-day's Short Story

### The Count And The Wedding Guest

By O. Henry

ONE evening when Andy Donovan went to dinner at his Second Avenue boarding-house, Mrs. Scott introduced him to a new boarder, a young lady, Miss Conway.

Miss Conway was small and unobtrusive. She wore a plain, snuffly-brown dress, and bestowed her interest, which seemed languid, upon her plate. She lifted her diffident eyelids and shot one perspicacious, judicial glance at Mr. Donovan, politely murmured his name, and returned to her mutton. Mr. Donovan bowed with the grace and beaming smile that was rapidly winning for him social, business and political advancement, and erased the snuffly-brown one from the tablets of his consideration.

Two weeks later Andy was sitting on the front steps enjoying his cigar. There was a soft rustle behind and above him, and Andy turned his head—and had his head turned.

Just coming out of the door was Miss Conway. She wore a night-black dress of crepe de—crepe de—oh, this thin black goods. Her hat was black, and from it drooped and fluttered an ebony veil, filmy as a spider's web. She stood on the top step and drew on black silk gloves. Not a speck of white or a spot of colour about her dress anywhere.

Her rich golden hair was drawn, with scarcely a ripple, into a shining, smooth knot low on her neck. Her face was plain rather than pretty, but it was now illuminated and made almost beautiful by her large grey eyes that gazed above the houses across the street into the sky with an expression of the most appealing

sadness and melancholy. Gather the idea, girls—all black, you know, with the preference for crepe de—oh, crepe de chine—that's it. All black, and that sad, faraway look; and the hair shining under the black veil (you have to be a blonde, of course), and try to look as if, although your young life had been blighted just as it was about to give a hop-skip-and-a-jump over the threshold of life, a walk in the park might do you good, and be sure to happen out the door at the right moment, and—oh, it'll fetch 'em every time. But it's fierce, now, how cynical I am, ain't it?—to talk about mourning costumes this way.

#### TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "An Enraged Lion."

Mr. Donovan suddenly re-inscribed Miss Conway upon the tablets of his consideration. He threw away the remaining inch-and-a-quarter of his cigar, that would have been good for eight minutes yet, and quickly shifted his centre of gravity to his low-cut patent leathers.

"It's a fine, clear evening, Miss Conway," he said; and if the Weather Bureau could have heard the confident emphasis of his tones it would have hoisted the square white signal and nailed it to the mast.

"To them that has the heart to enjoy it, it is, Mr. Donovan," said Miss Conway, with a sigh.

Mr. Donovan, in his heart, cursed fair weather. Heartless weather! It should hail and blow and snow to be consonant with the mood of Miss Conway.

"I hope none of your relatives I hope you haven't sustained a loss," ventured Mr. Donovan.

"Death has claimed," said Miss Conway, hesitating, "not a relative, but one who—but I will not intrude my grief upon you, Mr. Donovan."

"Intrude?" protested Mr. Donovan. "Why, say, Miss Conway, I'd be delighted, that is, I'd be sorry—I mean, I'm sure nobody could sympathise with you truer than I would."

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## "Who will Win?"



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A cauliflower over three feet in height and measuring four feet round has been grown by Mr. Francis Calabro, a farmer in Nice. The cauliflower weighs no less than 26lb. It is to be placed on public exhibition—Benter.







## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Parking Spaces In Kowloon

QUESTIONS BY HON. MR. J. P. BRAGA

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:—

1. Will the Honourable the Inspector General of Police state—  
(a) what are the respective numbers of motor-cars, exclusive of buses, trucks and lorries, registered for Kowloon for the past three years—1933 to 1935—inclusive;

- (b) what are the facilities on Salisbury Road near the Star Ferry pier for the parking of motor cars;
- (c) what is the approximate superficial ground area in each of the above three years allotted for the public parking of cars in that locality; and
- (d) whether the ground area referred to in Question (c) represents an increase during the past three years in proportion to the larger number of privately-owned cars in Kowloon?

2. Does the Government consider the authorised parking space on Salisbury Road sufficient for the number of registered motor-cars for Kowloon?

3. Should such area not be deemed adequate, by what further provision, if any, and where does the Government contemplate increasing the accommodation to meet suitably the growing demand for parking spaces within the aforesaid area?

4. Does the Government contemplate the use of the open space of Crown land lying between Middle Road and Salisbury Road and the open space on Salisbury Road adjoining and to the east of the existing car park? If not, could not such spaces, or any other piece of Crown land in that neighbourhood, be utilised, provisionally, for adding to existing car parking spaces at Kowloon Point?

**European Civil Servants**  
The Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:—

- 1.—(1) What was the total number of European Civil Servants employed by Government at  
(a) end of 1923,  
(b) end of 1931,  
(c) end of 1935.

- (2) What was the number of persons constituting the European Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff at the aforesaid periods?

2. What was the total amount of salaries paid to the Public Works Department Staff, European and non-European, in  
(a) 1923,  
(b) 1931,  
(c) 1935.

3. Since the date of the Report of the Retrenchment Commission (May 1931):—  
(a) What additions, if any, have been made in the European Staff on the Civil List?

- (b) What reductions, if any, have been made in the European Staff on the Civil List?

- (c) In view of the imperative necessity for retrenchment, what is the policy of Government in regard to European officers who, having done 10 years of service in the Colony, but not having reached pensionable age, are nevertheless willing to retire?

- (b) If under existing regulations there is no power to permit such retirements, will Government consider the question of amending such regulations with the view to conferring such power, in order to save the heavy expense of paying the return passage for such officers and families who have only a further short period to serve in order to qualify for pension?

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A recent portrait of Thelma Todd, film star, whose death last month in her car in a garage near her Santa Monica home is cloaked with mystery. She may have been the victim of carbon monoxide poisoning.

## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The 1st Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers is due to-day on the transport Dorsetshire. The Fusiliers, who were stationed last at Colchester, are going to Shanghai to relieve the 1st Battalion Inniskilling Fusiliers and the Dorsetshire will also pick up here several details for Shanghai and Tientsin. The Commanding Officer of the Lancashire Fusiliers is Lt. Col. L. H. K. Finch, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Among the passengers who left for the North early this morning by the s.s. President Cleveland were Miss Marcia Graze, Mrs. L. P. Morrison, Mr. C. Siepe, the Rev. J. Heemskerk, Mrs. Morris Joseph, Mrs. H. S. Howe, Mrs. G. Cullen, Mr. H. M. Blake, Mr. J. R. Cartwright, Miss Sylvia Joseph, Miss Maunitta Morrison, Miss Luella Morrison and Miss V. S. Lake.

Fifteen cases of diphtheria, with seven deaths, four of scarlet fever, seven of typhoid fever (one imported, with one death), and one fatal case of cerebro-spinal meningitis, were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended Saturday January 11.

Captain R. D. Walker, M.C., A.R.C.S., will deliver a lecture on "Some Aspects of Railway Engineering" to the University Engineering Society on Friday, January 17, at 8.30 p.m. in Room "K" of the University. All interested are welcome.

Among the passengers arriving here next Friday morning by the R.M.S. Empress of Canada will be Mr. Allan-Cameron, former Oriental Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., at this port, and Mrs. Cameron. It is understood that they will remain in Hong Kong for about one month.

By special request a repeat performance of "Lady Precious Stream" will be given by the Hong Kong University Arts Association in the Great Hall of the University, on Wednesday, January 22, at 8.45 p.m. Booking opens at the King's Theatre on Friday, January 17. Tickets are \$2 and \$1.

Owing to indisposition Dr. G. M. Hargreaves will not be able to speak at the general meeting of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association in the hall of St. Joseph's College, Kennedy Road, to-morrow.

and for clearing of certain Sea Areas in connection therewith.

"A Bill to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1932."

"A Bill to amend further the Pensions Ordinance, 1932."

"A Bill to make provision for the appointment of Crown Rent."

"A Bill to amend the Gambling Ordinance, 1891."

"A Bill to amend the Coinage Offences Ordinance, 1866."

"A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to Quarantine and the Prevention of Disease among human beings."

"A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to Telecommunication."

"A Bill to amend further the Magistrates Ordinance, 1932."

"A Bill to amend the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885, and the Forgery of Documents Ordinance, 1935."

"A Bill to regulate Practice Firing from Hong Kong Defence"

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## COMMUNICATIONS DISORGANISED

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being hurried from time to time by Ras Desta's troops in the vicinity of Dolo.

During the last two rainy days Italian fliers have been very active on both fronts, but otherwise all is quiet, except for the continued fighting near Makalle and Alsum.

Rome: Official War Bulletin No. 96 states that Italian scouting patrols were active on Monday in the Takas sector as well as south of Makalle. Nothing noteworthy occurred on the rest of the front.

**MIRACULOUS ESCAPE**  
Asmara: Signor Mussolini's youngest airman son, Vittorio Mussolini, had a miraculous escape from death during a bombing attack on the Abyssinian positions at Amba Aradan. Vittorio's plane was hit by an anti-aircraft shell which exploded inside the cabin, putting the machine-gun out of action and damaging the equipment of the cabin, but the young pilot himself was unhurt and no essential part of the plane's controls was destroyed.

**ITALIAN DENIALS**  
Rome: The Italian denials that planes bombed the Egyptian Red Cross unit near Daggahbur have now been confirmed by a telegram despatched to Addis Ababa by Prince Ismael Daud, drawing the attention of the Abyssinian Government to the fact that the Egyptian unit had not been attacked.

The telegram, which is printed prominently in the Italian papers, states that Italian planes bombed the Abyssinian troops on January 4 at Bullale, but that no damage was done to the Egyptian unit 43 kilometres away. In Daggahbur there was no Egyptian but only an Abyssinian station—Trans-Ocean Service.

**EFFECT OF SANCTIONS**  
London: The overseas trade figures of December again reveal a loss of exports to Italy suffered by British traders in consequence of the imposition of economic sanctions by the League of Nations, following Italy's resort to war of East Africa in disregard of her covenants. The exports of coal to Italy in December amounted to 19,098 tons, worth £14,000, compared with 420,373 tons valued at £349,073 in the last month of 1934. No more than six tons of iron and steel left Great Britain for Italy last month. This compared with 1272 tons 12 months before.

**PRECIOUS GASOLINE**  
Asmara: Owing to the discovery that thousands of gallons of precious gasoline have been wasted since the beginning of the campaign owing to truck drivers and others having to fill their gasoline tanks through broken bottles and other makeshift funnels, a hurried call was sent to Italy for the supply of 5,000 funnels, which have just arrived at the front—Reuters' Bulletin Service.

**Italian Version Of "Tipperary"**

**"WEAR A BLACK SHIRT, LITTLE BLACKFACE"**

Asmara, To-day. "Wear a black shirt, little blackface," is the Italian soldiers equivalent of the famous war song "Tipperary," and is heard everywhere on the front and behind the front at cafes and restaurants. Foreign correspondents are by now familiar with the tune, which is set to fair music and processes quite a catchy air—Reuters' Bulletin Service.

**Timber Industry Jeopardised**

**SERIOUS SITUATION CAUSED BY SANCTIONS**

Belgrade: A lively debate on the serious position in which the Yugoslav timber industry finds itself in consequence of the sanctions took place at a meeting of the representatives of all the organisations of this industry under the chairmanship of the former Ministry for Forestry and Mining, M. Drummond.

The speakers pointed out that Yugoslav exports of timber to Italy

amounted to 22 to 25 per cent. of the total exports, and that the timber-growers and sawmills would be obliged to suspend operations, which might mean their having to cease business altogether. One hundred and eighty thousand workers were employed in the timber industry, and dismissal would mean privation for their families, thus affecting hundreds of thousands of persons.

Their situation was all the more deplorable since parts of the forestry region had always been among the distressed areas in Yugoslavia.

**BITTER ATTACKS**  
In the ensuing discussion bitter attacks were made upon France, which had refused to give the smaller countries any kind of compensation for the losses caused by the sanctions. Acknowledgment, on the other hand, had been made by the British Government, which had declared its willingness to make good at least 10 per cent. of Yugoslavia's losses from the cessation of exports to Italy.

The meeting thereupon adopted a resolution requesting the Government to change its trade policy by importing from other countries according to the degree in which they took Yugoslav exports—Trans-Ocean Service.

**AUSTRIAN DENIAL**  
Vienna: The reports published by a number of foreign newspapers which alleged that a number of concentration camps are being established in Austria for Italians who have crossed the frontier in order to escape military service, are emphatically denied by the semi-official newspaper, *Politische Korrespondenz*, which adds that the Italian fugitives, whose number is "considerable," are enjoying unrestricted freedom as regards their movements within Austrian territory.

**ACTIVITY AT SUEZ**  
Paris: Eight Italian steamers have passed through the Suez Canal between January 7 and January 12 in the direction of Eritrea, states a message received here from Port Said, which adds that the ships carried besides 13,500 troops, 2,000 rifles and 300,000 tons of ammunition—Trans-Ocean Service.

**Outlook In Rome More Optimistic**

Rome: The outlook in official circles has again become optimistic during the last few days, since neither Britain nor any other country as yet seeks the initiative in Geneva concerning the oil sanctions, so that the hope is that these will be avoided altogether, or, at the very least, that Italy will gain considerable time.

The belief is current here that the British Cabinet meeting convened for to-day intends to instruct Mr. Anthony Eden not to move the application for the oil sanctions at Geneva, because this would deprive Italy of its most effective weapons, such as tanks and aeroplanes, and would increase the likelihood of an Abyssinian victory too greatly, the prospect of a victorious black army being, it is said here, by no means congenial to the British Government.

**BRITISH MINISTER'S RETURN**  
Sir Eric Drummond returned to Rome earlier than his programme allowed, and conversations between Mr. Laval and Signor Cerrutti are also interpreted as favourable signs.

The plan that the League should send a mixed commission of investigation towards Abyssinia is not displeasing in principle to Italy, because it is argued that the matter would probably lead to a definite postponement of the oil sanctions.

On the other hand delay in arriving at a concrete settlement of the whole conflict allows Britain time to complete her military preparations in the Mediterranean—Trans-Ocean Service.

**"NO AGGRESSION BY ITALY"**

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Government reserves the right to make demands for compensation—Reuters.

**BRITISH RED CROSS UNITS**  
London: It is expected that two British Red Cross units will leave next week for service on the north-western front in Abyssinia. The public has responded—Reuters' Bulletin Service.

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Shan Kai Yuet (Pheasants' Hole) ..... 1.53

Lo Pong Chok Tsuen (Village) ..... .70

## OLYMPIC BELL TO TRAVEL

## Ceremonious Procession

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Bochum, To-day.

Preparations are now being made for the transportation of the 16-ton Olympic bell for the newly constructed station at Berlin, where it will be installed in the 250-foot-high "Fuehrer Tower".

Owing to its unwieldy dimensions transport by rail is impracticable, so that the long journey to Berlin, commencing to-morrow, will be made by road, and it is estimated that it will occupy 10 days.

On its arrival at Potsdam the bell will be escorted in a ceremonious procession for the last 29 miles of the journey to the capital—Trans-Ocean Service.

## FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Jose Jacques Floriano Alvarez, the managing partner of the Central Radio Service, residing at No. 6—Cameron Road, Kowloon, and Miss Patricia Mercedes Remedios, of No. 13—Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon.

generously to Canon Sheppard's broadcast appeal in connection with the despatch of units.

Rome: Italy may not participate in the League Council meetings on January 20. The matter is under consideration and no decision has yet been taken, according to authoritative circles—Reuters' Bulletin Service.

**WEDDING ANNOUNCED**

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Dennis Sydney John, widower, aged sergeant, R.A.F.C., Garrison Sergeant, Messrs. Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, and Miss Amy Dorothy Baby Fawcett, of No. 24 Hanlow Road, Kowloon.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## Latest Quotations

The following quotations were received last night between 11 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. Last Close 10.30 11.00

N.Y. Cotton ..... 10.88 10.82 10.85

N.Y. Rubber ..... 14.27 14.22 14.22

Chicago Wheat ..... 100 99%

Chicago Corn ..... 60 60

**STOCKS:**

Anaconda ..... 29% 29% 29%

Copper ..... 17% 17% 17%

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General Motors ..... 37% 37% 37%

Montgomery ..... 30% 30% 30%

N.Y. Central ..... 48% 48% 48%

U.S. Steel ..... 48% 48% 48%

The following quotations from London were received last night between 5.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Silver Spot 20% (last close), 20% (last recd.), unchanged.

Silver Forward unquoted.

Silver Report—Speculators sold.

India bought. Market quietly steady.

Liverpool Cotton—May 5.77 (last close), 5.83 (last recd.), .06 up (change).

Liverpool Wheat—March 6/5% (last close), 6/6% (last recd.), 1/4 down (change).

London Rubber—April-June (buyers) 6% (last close), 6% (last recd.), unchanged.

**COMMODITY PRICES**  
The following quotations have been received by Reuters.

Prev. Yesterday Closing Closing

New York Cotton:—

March ..... 11.21 11.24

May ..... 10.86 10.94

July ..... 10.82 10.87

October ..... 14.11 14.08

December (1935) ..... 10.05 10.02

Spot ..... 11.95 11.95

New York Rubber:—

March ..... 14.27 14.38

May ..... 14.41 14.53

July ..... 14.56 14.68

September ..... 14.69 14





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## THE COUNT AND THE WEDDING GUEST

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Miss Conway smiled a little smile. And oh, it was sadder than her expression in repose.

"Laugh, and the world laughs with you; weep, and they give you the laugh," she quoted. "I have learned that, Mr. Donovan. I have no friends or acquaintances in this city. But you have been kind to me. I appreciate it highly."

He had passed her the pepper twice at the table.

"It's tough to be alone in New York—that's a cinch," said Mr. Donovan. "But, say—whenver this little old town does loosen up and get friendly it goes the limit. Say you took a little stroll in the park. Miss Conway—don't you think it might chase away some of your mulligwns? And if you'd allow me—"

"Thanks, Mr. Donovan. I'd be pleased to accept of your escort if you think the company of one whose heart is filled with gloom could be any ways agreeable to you."

Through the open gates of the iron-railed, old, downtown park, where the elect once took the air, they strolled, and found a quiet bench.

There is this difference between the grief of youth and that of old age; youth's burden is lightened by as much of it as another shares; old age may give and give, but the sorrow remains the same.

"He was my fiancé," confided Miss Conway, at the end of an hour. "We were going to be married next spring. I don't want you to think that I am stringing you, Mr. Donovan, but he was a real Count. He had an estate and a castle in Italy. Count Fernando Mazzini was his name. I never saw the beat of him for elegance. Papa objected, of course, and once we eloped, but papa overtook us, and took us back. I thought sure papa and Fernando would fight a duel. Papa has a lively business—in P'kipsee, you know."

"Finally, papa came round, all right, and said we might be married next spring. Fernando showed him proofs of his title and wealth, and then went over to Italy to get the castle fixed up for us. Papa's very proud, and when Fernando wanted to give me several thousand dollars for my trousseau he called him down some-thing awful. He wouldn't even let me take a ring or any presents from him. And when Fernando sailed I came to the city and got a position as cashier in a candy store."

"Three days ago I got a letter from Italy, forwarded from P'kipsee, saying that Fernando had been killed in a gondola accident."

"That is why I am mourning. My heart, Mr. Donovan, will remain for ever in his grave. I guess I am poor company, Mr. Donovan, but I cannot take any interest in no one. I should not care to keep you from gaiety and your friends who can smile and entertain you. Perhaps you would prefer to walk back to the house?"

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Melvyn Douglas plays an important part in the Columbia picture "She Married Her Boss" which will be presented at the Kings and Alhambra Theatres to-morrow Friday and Saturday.

## CURBING POLITICAL TERRORISM

## Bengal Government's New Plan

## INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FOR PRISONERS

Calcutta. The Government of Bengal's new plan for curbing political terrorism by providing agricultural and industrial training for suspects will shortly be in operation.

It is understood that about 165 acres of land have been taken not far from Calcutta, and it is expected that over 80 men will be absorbed in the initial training centres when they start work.

In announcing the plan, at the prorogation of the Bengal Legislative Council in August, Sir John Anderson, Governor of Bengal, declared that he had long recognised that the method of holding prisoners indefinitely without future prospects would not stamp out the "sinister and cankerous growth of terrorism."

He hoped that the experiment, if successful, would go far towards solving the problem of unemployment as well as checking the terrorist evil.

## DEATH DUTIES ON ASTOR ESTATE

## Ten-Year Battle For Refund

## LORD ASTOR AND BROTHER CONTINUE FIGHT

Washington. Lord Astor and Major J. Astor are continuing their ten-year battle to obtain a refund from the United States Government of the \$2,000,000 death duties paid on their father's estate.

They have petitioned the United States Supreme Court asking that the Supreme Court shall either review the case or allow a new trial in a lower court.

This answers the United States Government's appeal to the Supreme Court asking it to direct the lower courts to dismiss the suit entirely.

The disputed death duties were paid on two trust funds valued at \$9,200,000 created for the two sons and their families.

The company administering the trust fund paid the duties under protest, and they later commenced a suit for a refund claiming that the trusts were "not made in contemplation of death."—Reuter.

## JAPANESE LAUGH AT OUR FILMS

## Translated Dialogue No Good

Tokyo. The superimposing of Japanese dialogue on English-speaking films has produced such humorous effects in the eyes of Japanese filmgoers that shows are being ruined here.

The language does not lend itself to this treatment, and some of the effects are astounding. Audiences burst into laughter when they hear English and American stars "speaking" Japanese. Tense, dramatic scenes become comical.

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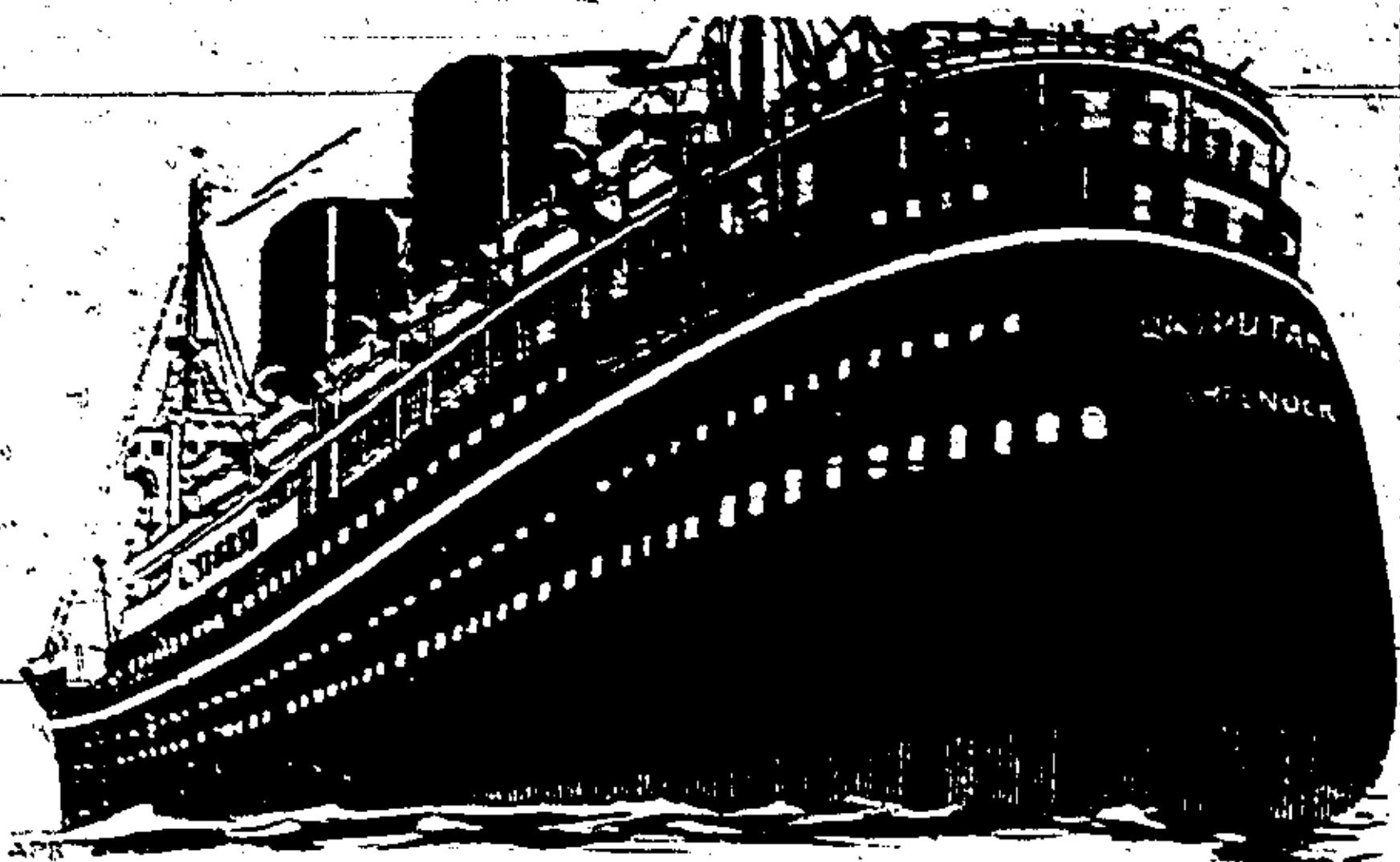
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*CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Marseilles & London.
*RANPURA	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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The necessity of Irving her life with as much privacy as Irvin Cobb's goldfish deprives Shirley Temple of the Christmas morning surprises reserved for others of her age. Here is her "Christmas photo" posed weeks in advance.

## THE COUNT AND THE WEDDING GUEST

(Continued from Page 10.)

"Well, Big Mike's a friend of mine. I ain't more than deuce-high in the district as far as influence goes, but Mike's as good a friend to a little man, or a poor man, as he is to a big one. I met him to-day on the Bowery, and what do you think he does? Comes up and shakes hands. 'Andy,' says he, 'I've been keeping cases on you. You've been putting in some good licks over on your side of the street, and I'm proud of you. What'll you take to drink?' He takes a cigar, and I take a highball. I told him I was going to get married in two weeks. 'Andy,' says he, 'send me an invitation, so I'll keep in mind of it, and I'll come to the wedding.' That's what Big Mike says to me; and he always does what he says."

"You don't understand it, Maggie, but I'd have one of my hands cut off to have Big Mike Sullivan at our wedding. It would be the proudest day of my life. When he goes to a man's wedding, there's a guy being married that's made for life. Now, that's why I'm maybe looking sore to-night."

"Why don't you invite him, then, if he's so much to the mustard?" said Maggie lightly.

"There's a reason why I can't," said Andy sadly. "There's a reason why he mustn't be there. Don't ask me what it is, for I can't tell you."

"Oh, I don't care," said Maggie. "It's something about politics, of course. But it's no reason why you can't smile at me."

"Maggie," said Andy presently, "do you think as much of me as you did of your—as you did of the Count Mazzini?"

He waited a long time, but Maggie did not reply. And then, suddenly she leaned against his shoulder and began to cry—to cry and shake with sobs, holding his arm tightly, and wetting the crepe de Chine with tears.

"There, there, there!" soothed Andy, putting aside his own trouble. "And what is it, now?" "Andy," sobbed Maggie, "I've lied to you, and you'll never marry me, or love me any more. But I feel that I've got to tell. Andy, there never was so much as the little finger of a Count. I never had a bean in my life. But all the other girls had; and they talked about 'em; and that seemed to make the fellows like 'em more. And Andy, I look swell in black—you know I do. So I went out to a photograph store and bought

that picture, and had a little one made for my locket, and made up all that story about the Count, and about his being killed so I could wear black. And nobody can love a liar, and you'll shake me, Andy, and I'll die for shame. Oh, there never was anybody I liked but you—and that's all."

But instead of being pushed away, she found Andy's arm folding her closer. She looked up and saw his face cleared and smiling.

"Could you—could you forgive me, Andy?"

"Sure," said Andy. "It's all right about that. Back to the cemetery for the Count. You've straightened everything out, Maggie. I was in hopes you would before the wedding-day. Bully girl!"

"Well, not to any large extent," said Andy, reaching for his cigar case; "because it's Big Mike Sullivan's picture you've got in that locket of yours."

(The End.)

### POLICE CHANGES

#### Inspector Dorling's Retirement

Consequent on the retirement on pension of Inspector A. J. W. Dorling, of the Hong Kong Police Force, on January 20, Inspector A. H. Elston has been appointed to Inspector Dorling's post in the Criminal Intelligence Department, Yaumatei, while Sub-Inspector J. O'Donovan is appointed to the Murder Squad, Central C. I. D., in place of Inspector Elston. Sub-Inspector M. Flattery has been transferred from Shamshui-wo Police Station to Central C. I. D. Lance-Sergeant Simpson has been transferred from Reserve Motor Patrol Section (Mongkok) to Yaumatei for M.P.S. duty, while Acting-Crown Sergeant Penhall who has been transferred from Yaumatei to Mongkok Police Station.

### STRANDED WHALE

A 20-ft. whale was washed ashore at Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, last month and died on the beach.

## SHIPBUILDING IN BRITAIN

### Encouraging Figures Published

#### BIG IMPROVEMENT SHOWN

London, To-day.—A big improvement in shipbuilding is shown in Lloyd's returns for the quarter ended December 31. The total of 1,543,153 tons, excluding Russia, from where no figures are available, is the highest for any quarter since June 1931.

Some 48.2 per cent. of it is being built in Britain and Ireland. The British total of 743,086 tons registers an increase of 212,532 tons for the quarter compared with the previous September, and is the highest for five years. It exceeds the aggregate under construction in seven leading countries abroad, among which Germany heads the list with 234,121 followed by Japan with 118,610 tons.

Some 311,100 tons were begun in Britain in the last three months. Steam and motor oil tankers are being constructed to a total of 438,560 tons, Britain again heading the list in number and tonnage. Half the tonnage being constructed in Britain at December 31 related to motorships.

### ROTARY MEETING

#### Interesting Talk By Mr. R. Sidney

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E. honoured local Rotarians with his presence at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday, when Mr. R. Sidney, of Singapore, a prominent Rotarian and the Editor of *Roda*, the Malayan Rotary magazine, addressed the Club at the usual weekly tiffin meeting. Mr. Sidney, whose speech was punctuated with many amusing quips, spoke on aeronautical developments in Hong Kong and Malaya.

President, Professor L. Forster, welcomed as guests Sir John Nicholson (attached to Talkoo Docks), Messrs. H. Hutcheon (Singapore), E. Geddes, C. W. N. McGowan, P. de Roux and A. Pittendrigh of Hong Kong.

### TWO ACTORS IN ONE PART

Lupino Lane, who had lost his voice, appeared in "Twenty to One" at the Coliseum last month without speaking, his lines being spoken by his understudy. Both were on the stage.

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## GRADING THE WORLD'S FLEETS

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way as to provide adequate defence for each country, but make it unlikely that they could attack any other country with prospects of success, we shall have contributed to the pacification of the world."

### Minimum Needs Of Britain

This does not mean that cut-and-dried building programmes are to be asked for. The intention is to invite each Power to declare its minimum requirements in naval tonnage over a period of six years, such tonnage to be distributed in agreed proportions over the various ship categories. The Powers will be asked to make their declarations simultaneously, and the resulting totals will provide a firm basis for discussion.

That the British Government is resolved to restore our naval defences to a standard of adequacy is common knowledge. So far, however, it has not drawn up any definite programme of new construction. Instead, certain minimum requirements in battleship, cruiser, and anti-submarine tonnage have been formulated, and these figures will be put forward as our contribution to the "pool" round which the discussion in regard to quantitative limitation will proceed.

It may be taken as certain that the British Government will not in any circumstances consent to perpetuate the existing disparity between the British Navy and foreign fleets in cruiser, destroyer, and submarine strength.

### Opposed Japan's Claims

During the past six years our resources for combating submarine warfare have diminished, relatively, by at least 50 per cent., and there has also been a sharp decline in our relative cruiser strength. The ground thus lost must be recovered either by a drastic reduction in foreign establishments or a substantial increase in British cruiser and anti-submarine tonnage.

According to all evidence, Japan is fully determined to demand complete naval parity with this country and the United States. As the American reaction to this claim is one of uncompromising opposition, the possibility of deadlock at an early stage of the Conference cannot be ignored.

Although the British attitude on this particular problem has yet to be declared, there is every expectation of close Anglo-American accord on this and other fundamental issues. For some time past a much clearer perception of, and sympathy with, British naval needs has been shown at Washington than was previously the case. Recent events in the Mediter-

anean have opened American eyes to the vulnerability of those sea routes which are the veritable arteries of the British Commonwealth.

### Instruments For Peace

Each of the English-speaking Powers now regards the other's naval strength as essentially an instrument for the preservation of peace, a common viewpoint which excludes all suspicion or thought of rivalry. That is one of the "imponderables" which is bound to influence the proceedings of the Conference.

The only difference of opinion between London and Washington occurs upon a technical question—the size of future warships. The United States desires battleships of 35,000 tons and cruisers of 10,000 tons, whereas Britain advocates smaller vessels. Whether a compromise can be reached remains to be seen.

Japan will couple her demand for equality with a proposal to abolish battleships and aircraft-carriers, on the ground of their "aggressive" character. Conversely, she will claim a generous quota of submarines, which she holds to be primarily a "defensive" arm. France is credited with a readiness to accept a maximum tonnage appreciably less than that of Great Britain, but is still reluctant to tie her hands in respect of the development of submarines and light surface craft.

### Italy's Case

Italy has not yet indicated the case she will put forward, but if precedent is followed she will insist on full equality with France. Both of these Powers prefer limitation by total tonnage to the existing system.

The table below exhibits the present strength of the five "Conference Navies." Except in the case of capital ships, whose life has been artificially prolonged by treaty, only post-war vessels—including those authorised but not yet laid down—are listed. Ships of the previous era are now obsolete, and their inclusion would give a very misleading impression of relative strength:

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Japan	U.S.A.
Capital ships	15	15	9	10	6
Cruisers:					
8-in. guns	15	12	12	7	7
5.5-6-in. guns	20	19	20	44	12
Aircraft-carriers	3	6	8	2	1
Destroyers	40	66	112	39	61
Submarines	40	44	68	80	66
Total Personnel (approx.):					
British Empire	100,000				
U.S.A.		119,900			
Japan			88,500		
France			65,500		
Italy			61,800		

### Rough Guide

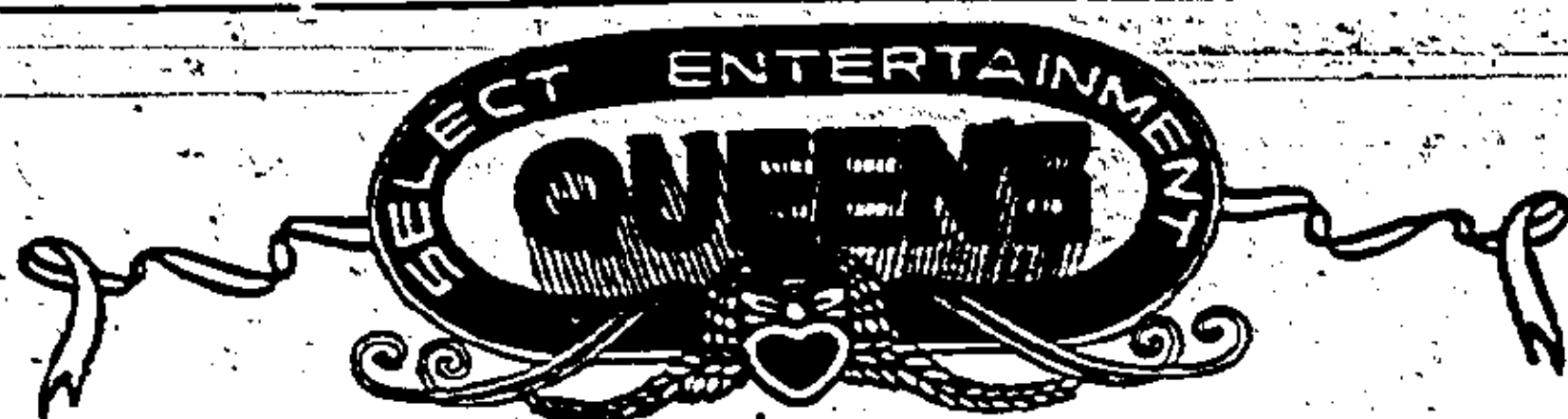
These figures serve only as a rough-and-ready guide to relative strength, for among the vessels listed above there are marked differences in age, tonnage, and armament.

Apart from its international importance, the impending Conference is of peculiar interest to the British taxpayer. Far upon early on Monday for gastric trouble to reach an agreement on the position. Enquiries add immeasurably to the cost of restoring our naval defences, more especially if ships of the present excessive standards are retained in preference to the satisfactory, as could be expected, smaller, and cheaper vessels in the circumstances.—British wireless service.

### KING'S ENQUIRIES REGARDING MR. KIPLING'S CONDITION

London, To-day.—A bulletin issued yesterday afternoon from the Middlesex Hospital, where Mr. Rudyard Kipling was operated to the British taxpayer. Far upon early on Monday for gastric trouble to reach an agreement on the position. Enquiries add immeasurably to the cost of restoring our naval defences, more especially if ships of the present excessive standards are retained in preference to the satisfactory, as could be expected, smaller, and cheaper vessels in the circumstances.—British wireless service.





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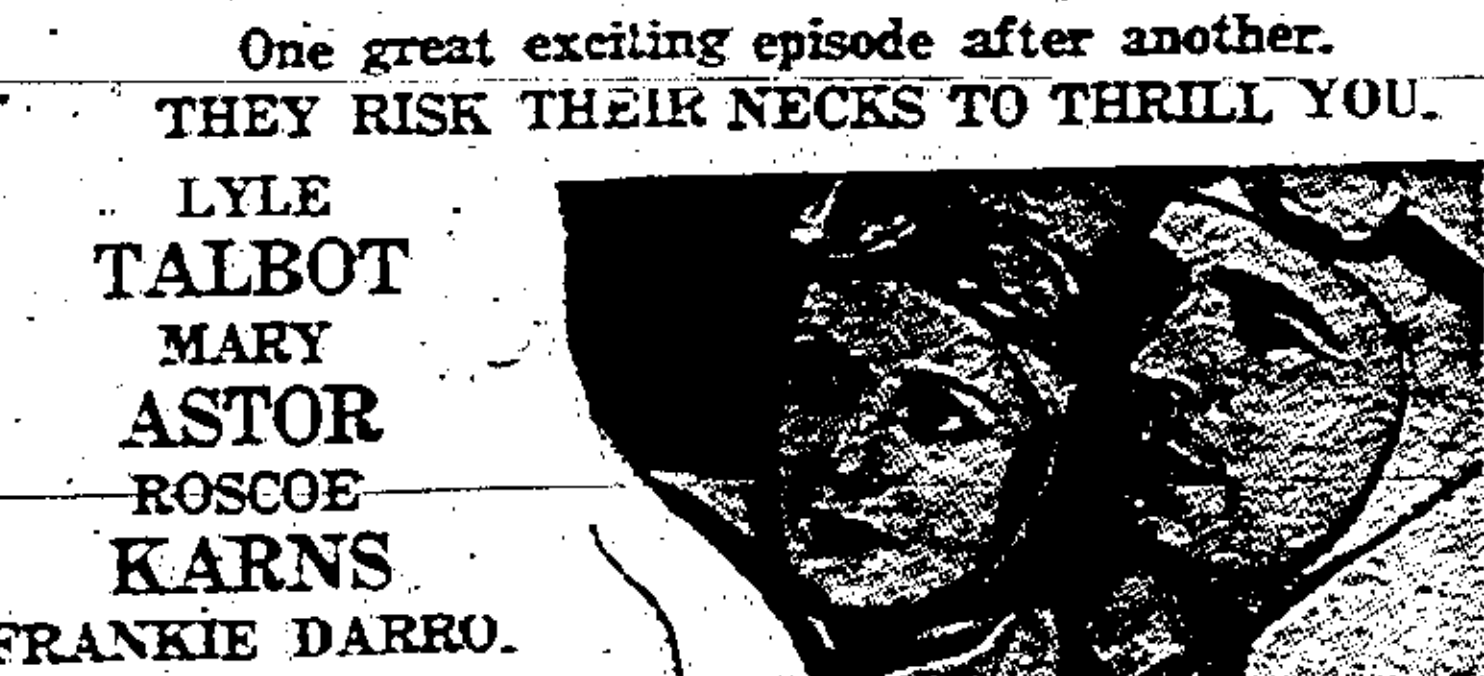
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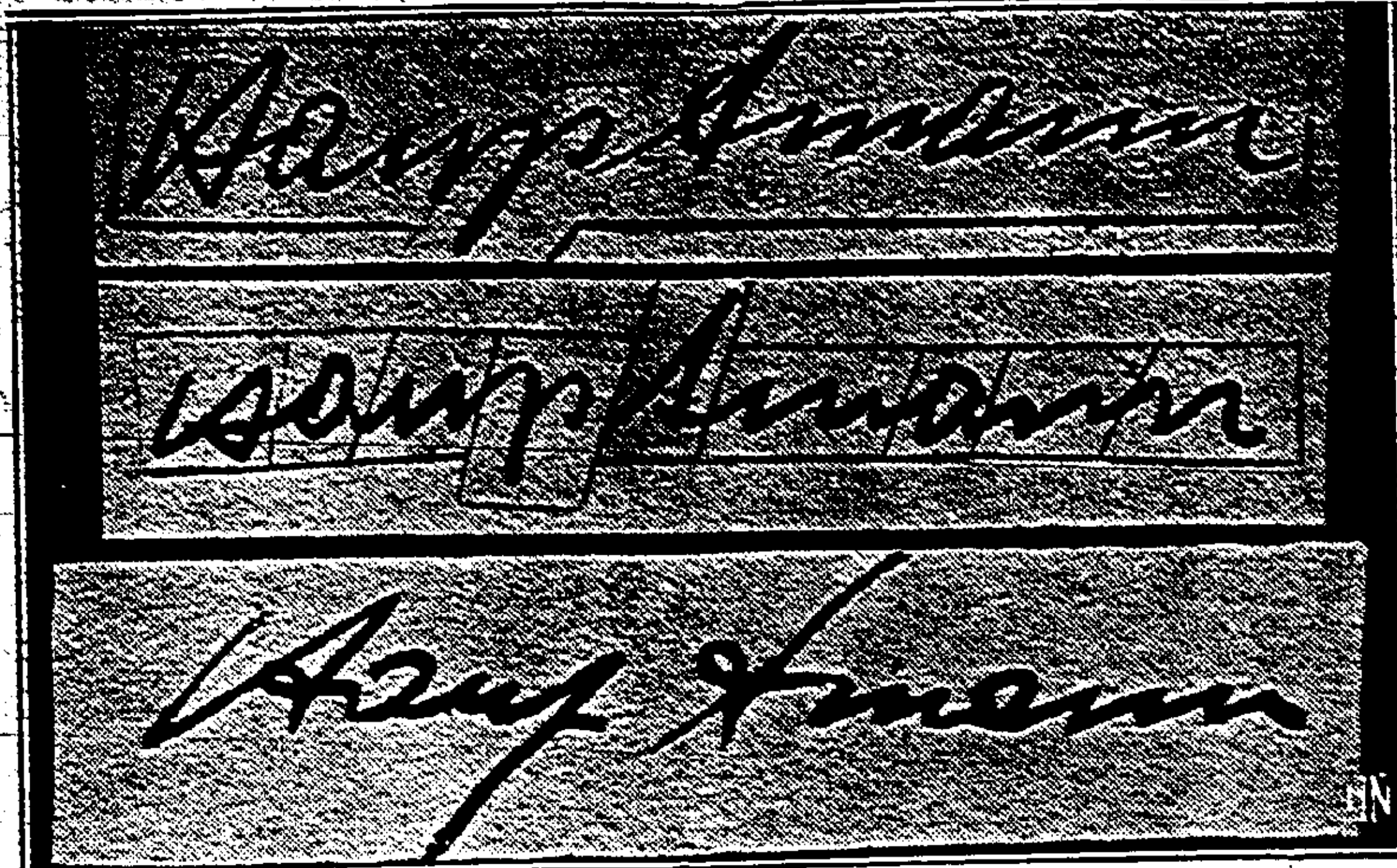
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Newly discovered similarities in the handwriting of the late Isadore Fisch and the penmanship in the Lindbergh ransom notes, were made the basis of a new fight by defence attorneys to save Bruno Hauptmann's life. Shown here for comparison (top to bottom) are Hauptmann's signature, letters from the ransom letters pasted together, and the way Fisch wrote Hauptmann's name.

## PUBLIC DEBT OF U.S.A.

Enormous Figure Reached

HARRISON BONUS BILL APPROVED

Washington, To-day. Despite the testimony of Mr. Henry A. Morgenthau that the Government would have raised a minimum of \$11,000,000,000 in the next 17½ months, the Senate Finance Committee, by 15 votes to 2, approved Senator Harrison's Bonus Bill.

Senator Couzens, voting against approval, stated that Mr. Morgenthau had also said that the above-mentioned minimum needed for the remainder in this and the next fiscal years included estimates of \$2,000,000,000 for relief, which did not include President Roosevelt's budget.

Senator Couzens added that Mr. Morgenthau estimated that this would bring the public debt to \$35,500,000,000 by the end of the next fiscal year.—Reuter.

## "JEWISH SOUNDING" NAMES BARRED

Fanaticism In Germany

Berlin. The inclusion of even one partner with a "Jewish-sounding name" debar a firm in Germany from the right to incorporate the word "German" in its title.

This was the ruling given here in the Berlin Civil Court when a concern which had called itself "German Book Export House" since 1900 was ordered to change its name.

The judge said that since the introduction of the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws it had been the practice of Jewish firms to bring in one Aryan partner and so try to overcome the laws applying to them.

It was in view of this that he had come to the decision that any firm having a non-Aryan owner was *ipso facto* debarred of the right to call itself "German." In the case of limited companies it was to extend to the case where one partner was a non-Aryan or even had a "Jewish-sounding name." —Reuter.

## BRITISH PREPARATIONS IN EGYPT

(Continued from Page 1)

ish circles to send all British women and children to Luxor in case of emergency, since Alexandria and Cairo are likely to be subjected to air attacks in the event of a British-Italian war.

The Italian prospects for a decisive victory in Abyssinia, however, are considered to be none too bright. Well-informed Egyptian circles have from the very first taken the view that the Italians will not successfully achieve a clear-cut victory, and this view is now generally accepted. Many political observers here are inclined to believe that the military developments in Abyssinia may make Egypt safe from the danger of becoming the scene of another war. Trans-Ocean Service.

## FINANCES OF THE LEAGUE

9,900,000 Francs Surplus Last Year

Geneva, To-day. The League of Nations finances were the best in 1935, with a balance of 9,900,000 Swiss francs from receipts over expenditure. A sum of 1,000,000 will be placed in reserve and the balance will be used to reduce the members' contributions for 1937.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

## LONDON NAVAL TALKS

Informal Meetings Continued

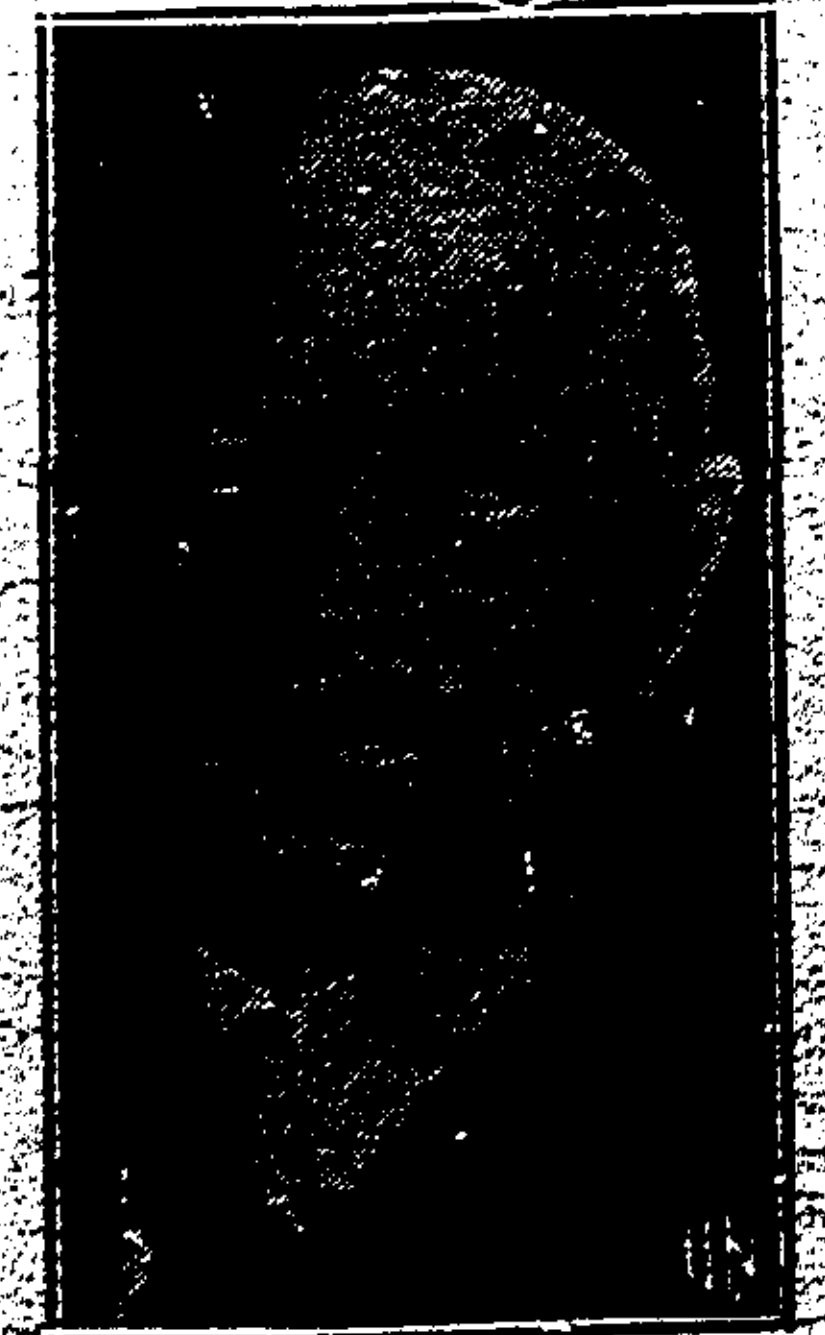
London, To-day. An informal meeting between the British and American delegations to the Naval Conference took place at the Foreign Office yesterday morning to discuss the question of procedure at the next meeting of the First Committee of Conference, now fixed for this afternoon. Later the British Delegation was in touch with other delegations.

The meetings of the First Committee have been suspended since the middle of last week owing to the negotiations arising from the desire of the Japanese to bring back into discussion the proposal for a common upper limit, which was considered during the earlier meetings and failed to find favour among the other delegations.

The newspapers anticipate that with to-day's meeting the position, which has been somewhat obscure for several days, will be clarified, though it is not known whether the Japanese participation in the future work of the Conference will be modified in character or not, or even interrupted. Yesterday's informal exchange between the various delegations were conducted in an atmosphere of great cordiality.—British Wireless Service.

## REMEMBERED GIFT

The Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital has received a lamb, sent from Australia by Mr. Frank Johnson, who, about 1893, had a Christmas hamper from the Treloar Cripples' Children's Fund.



Albert Meyer, a Swiss journalist, is the new President of the National Assembly.

## STAVISKY TRIAL ENDING

1,956 QUESTIONS FOR THE JURY

SENTENCE ON SATURDAY?

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day. After proceedings lasting more than two months the trial of 20 men and women accused of having been involved in the gigantic swindles of Alexander Stavisky is slowly drawing to an end, it being anticipated that sentence will be pronounced late on Saturday evening or the beginning of next week.

Six lawyers still have to make their speeches for the defence and the hearing of the case may be terminated to-morrow or Friday, but it will probably take the jury several days to decide the 1,956 questions which will be submitted to them.

One of the many curious facts which have marked this unquiet trial is that one of the judges recently reached the age-limit and had to retire from the case, and was replaced by another judge who had attended the proceedings from the very beginning as a precautionary measure.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## CONSCIENCE MONEY

Foreign Woman's Payments

COST OF FREE TICKETS REFUNDED

Nanking, To-day. Under the conviction that her use of free train tickets during the past few years is just like stealing money from the Chinese Government, Miss Rachel Lee, a foreign resident in Nanking, returned recently a sum of \$199.30 to the Ministry of Finance.

In a letter to the Minister, Miss Lee states that during the past few years she has frequently used free tickets in travelling between Nanking, Tientsin and Shanghai, which her relatives and friends had secured for her. At the time she did not think it wrong.

CONVINCED BY CHRISTIANITY. But recently she has been convinced by Christianity that this is just like stealing. She has therefore returned the total amount of money which she should have paid for her trips, and in addition has paid interest at 5 per cent, in accordance with the Bible instruction, making a total of \$199.30.

It is understood that in view of her earnestness, the Ministry of Finance has accepted the money and has written her a reply of thanks. The money will go into the National Treasury.—Central News Agency.

## WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone remains stationary over China, and tends to increase in intensity; pressure remains highest to the north-west of Shanghai. The depression has passed into the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido, and another depression is indicated to the south-east of Naha. North-east winds, fresh to fair, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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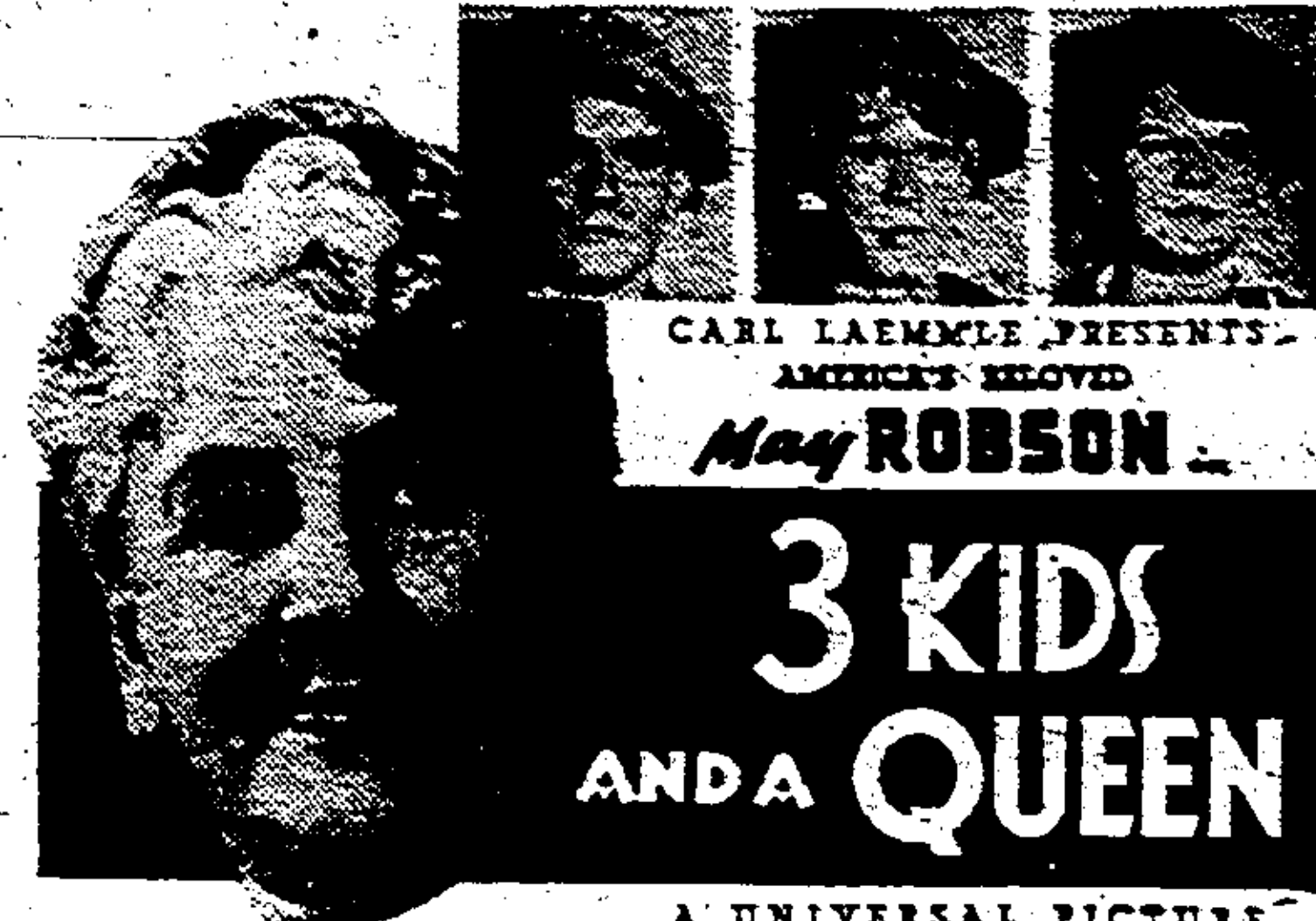
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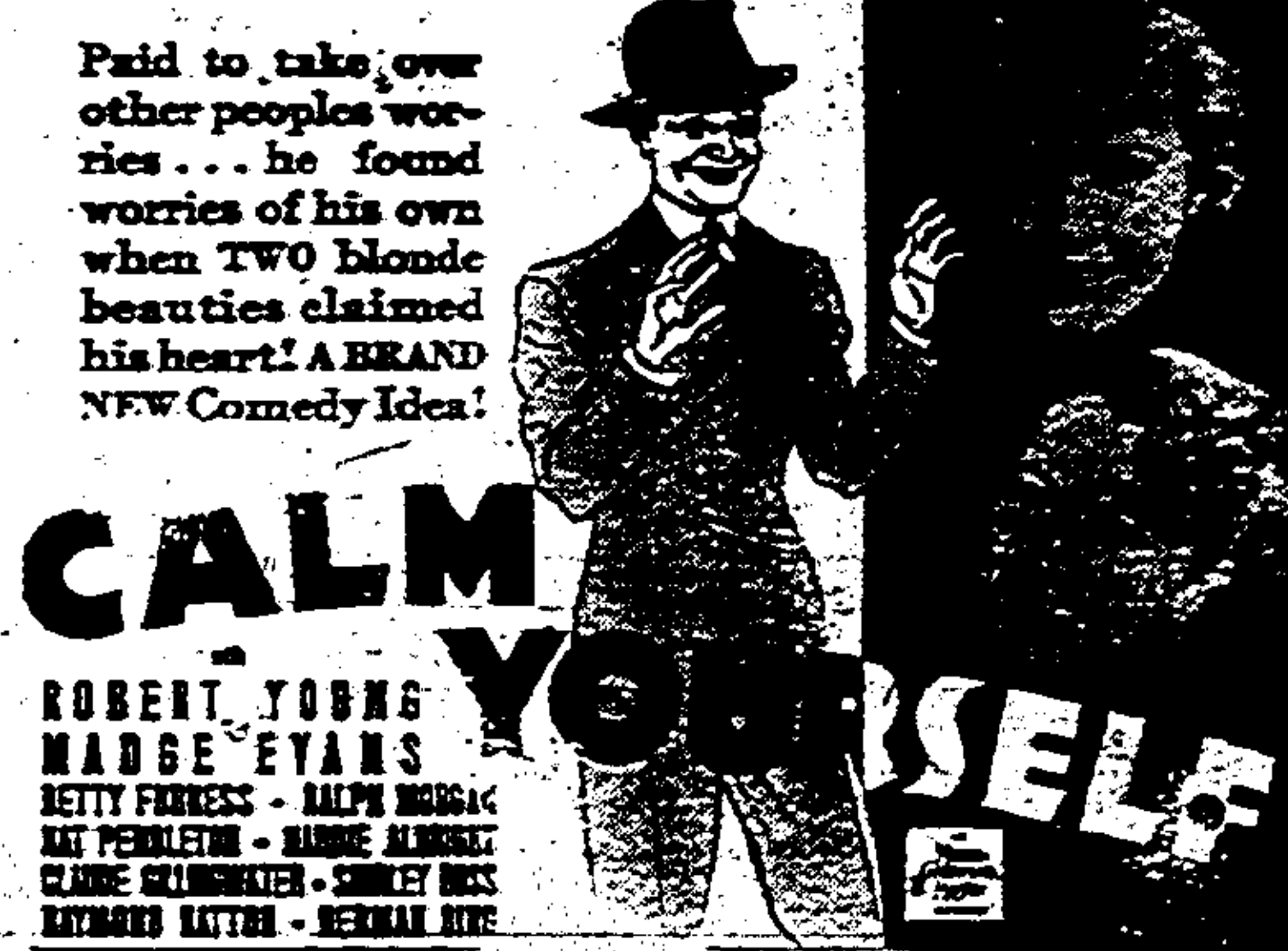
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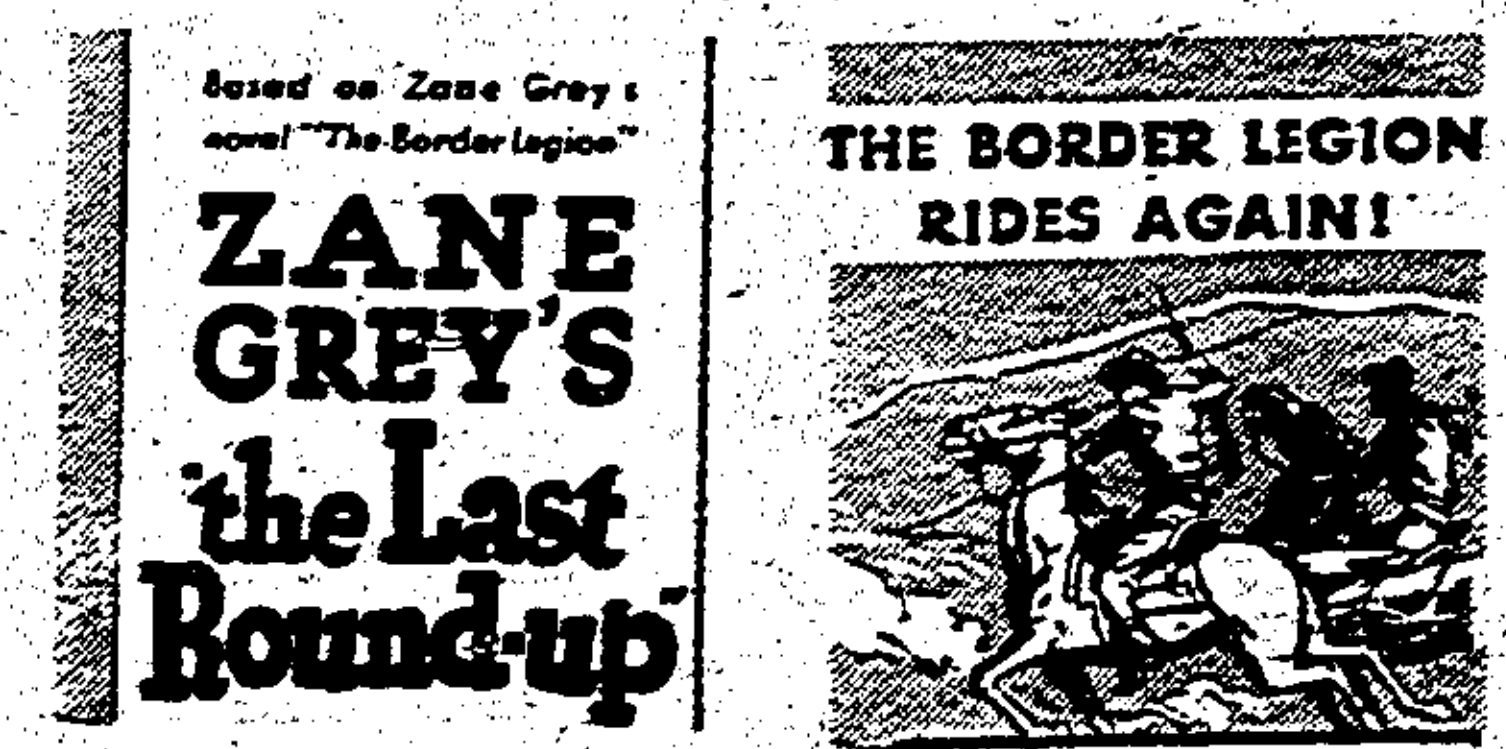
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